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A few, however, were not returned to us; and, as we have no means of knowing whether they contain errors or not, we cannot vouch for their accuracy. In justice to our readers, and to render this work more valuable for reference purposes, we have indicated these uncorrected sketches by a small asterisk (\*), placed immediately after the name of the subject. They will all be found on the last pages of the book.

# PREFACE.

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HISTORY sets forth the principal events marking the progress of civilization, deals with the nations and a few great leaders; genealogy offers a study of dry names and dates; biography, acknowledging its indebtedness to both, has its own special province, concerns itself with the individual, is history intimately written, shows personal character and action on the stage of existence. The average newspaper of to-day gives undue prominence to the evil done by men of ill-will or misguided passion. To the writer of select biographies falls the pleasant task of setting down what is best deserving of remembrance and emulation in the careers of workers in various fields of useful activity.

The persons whose life stories are outlined in this volume, present or former residents of Cheshire and of Hillsboro Counties, have earned the right to be commemorated. The accounts here given are of used talents and opportunities, of industry, energy, and enterprise, far-reaching and to good ends; not of slothfulness, not of selfishness, knavery, and greed, but of fair dealing, of public spirit, patriotism, self-sacrifice.

Some attention has here been given to tracing lines of descent and kinship, interesting in themselves and often valuable as showing the transmission of both physical and mental traits. Every wise generation, it may be said, does its own work in its own way, and, writing its own records, leaves its reputation and its example as a legacy to posterity.

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HORACE GREELEY.

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ORACE GREELEY, printer, founder of the New York *Tribune*, who, after a busy and useful life of sixty years, passed to his rest on the 29th of November, 1872, is still remembered in this his native State as a Hillsboro County boy. A son of Zaccheus and Mary (Woodburn) Greeley, the third in a family of seven children, he was born in Amherst, N.H., February 3, 1811.

In place of the tiresome three-brother story of ancestry soberly repeated by his biographers, may here be mentioned, on authority of Savage, the fact that Andrew Greeley, who came to New England in 1640, and was an original proprietor of Salisbury, Mass., whence he removed to Haverhill, Mass., where he died in 1697, was the father of four sons: Philip, born in 1644; Andrew; Joseph; and Benjamin, born in 1654. Horace Greeley has left on record that his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, all bore the name of Zaccheus. A Benjamin Greeley is elsewhere spoken of as a remoter ancestor, whence it may be inferred that Horace was of the sixth generation in descent from Andrew, the line running thus: Andrew (first); Benjamin (second), born in 1654; Zaccheus (third); Zaccheus (fourth); Zaccheus (fifth); Horace (sixth). It is a question whether room should be made for an Ezekiel, who has been brought forward by some as of this stock, but whose name appears to have been a misprint for the first Zaccheus.

On the maternal side Mr. Greeley was of Scotch-Irish descent, so called. His mother

was a daughter of David and Margaret (Clark) Woodburn, and a grand-daughter of John Woodburn, one of the early settlers of Londonderry, N.H., where land was allotted to him about 1721 in the High Range. David Woodburn was John Woodburn's son by his second wife, Mary Taggart.

Mrs. Mary Woodburn Greeley's two elder children had died shortly before the birth of Horace, so that for some time she gave him all her care. She had an unusually active mind, well stored with ballads, stories, traditions, which she had acquired from her grandmother, and which she in turn imparted to the eager child. Nor was this all. She was a great lover of books; and Horace, who inherited so many of her mental traits, seems to have learned to read as naturally and as easily as he cut his milk teeth, and nearly as soon, poring over the pages of the big Bible on the floor when he was but little more than twenty-four months old, or curiously studying the newspaper, asking of his mother question after question about pictures and letters. At three years of age he could read ordinary children's stories, and before he was six years old he had read the whole Bible. Ever hungry for books, beginning in his third winter, which he spent at his grandfather Woodburn's, and continuing till his tenth year, he attended district schools in Londonderry, Amherst, and Bedford, N.H. He early distinguished himself for his mental abilities and his attainments in literary lore; and being as modest as he was capable, and always social and friendly, he was a favorite with teachers and fellow-pupils. "Words, words, words," were his delight, and he shortly became the champion speller of the schools. To

make books appeared to him the most desirable if not the greatest thing to do on earth. At six years of age he had fully made up his mind to be a printer, and the world knows how well in after life he carried out the plan that pleased his childish thought. The best books that he could borrow for miles around were eagerly read by the light of pine knots in the evenings at home, their contents stored in his capacious and retentive memory. As son of a hard-working and not "forehanded" farmer, the little lad helped to do the chores on the home place; and it is recorded that he was uniformly faithful in the performance of his tasks, even when detained an hour from school, as sometimes happened, in his seventh year, to ride the horse to plough.

Hopelessly bankrupt, Zaccheus Greeley early in 1821 removed with his wife and four children, two boys and two girls, to West Haven, Vt. They were very poor. Frugal living and severe toil, clearing wild land and raising scanty crops, were the order of the day in the new home. Horace there finished his schooling, and also ended his youthful experience in farming, which had occupied him somewhat from his sixth to his fifteenth year. In the spring of 1826, his father having decided to remove to Erie County, Pennsylvania, Horace went to work in East Poultney, Vt., to learn the printer's trade. No stranger could suspect the coarsely-clad rustic of being the intelligent, well-informed, and capable youth that he was; and he made no pretensions, but, when asked as to his qualifications, simply replied that he had "read some." He soon showed, however, that he had found the right place for the exercise and development of his powers; and in after life he expressed the opinion that, in "learning a trade under a good master, most boys may better acquire the knowledge they need than by spending four years in college." His increased opportunities for reading both books and newspapers were eagerly improved; and a debating society, of which he was an active and valued member, afforded him further means of culture. He had a marvellous memory, and early distinguished himself by his knowledge of political matters.

Leaving East Poultney in June, 1830, he spent the next twelve-month partly in visiting his father and mother in Erie County, Pennsylvania, partly in working at his trade in different places, and then took his next decisive step in life, sharing his recent earnings with his father, and starting afoot for New York late in July, 1831, with twenty-five dollars in his pocket, and carrying a small bundle of clothing. Arriving in the great city on the 17th of August, and applying for work at a newspaper office next day, he was accused of being a runaway apprentice. After many discouraging rebuffs he found a job of typesetting, at which by working twelve or fourteen hours a day, he could earn about five dollars and fifty cents a week. This was a beginning. He kept on doing what he could find to do, and at length with a friend started a printing business.

In March, 1834, Mr. Greeley and a partner issued the first number of a weekly paper, the *New Yorker*, a very good paper, which was continued for some years, but did not pay. In 1838 he was engaged on a salary of one thousand dollars to edit the *Jeffersonian*, a Whig paper, at Albany. In 1840 he established the successful Harrison campaign paper, the *Log Cabin*; and on April 10, 1841, he issued the first number of the *New York Tribune*, with which his name will always be connected. In the autumn Thomas McElrath became his partner and the business manager of the concern, and from that time on its financial prosperity was assured. In September the *New Yorker* ended its days, and the *Weekly Tribune* took its place. A self-made man of noble type, Horace Greeley as editor-in-chief of the *Tribune* for the next thirty years exerted a masterful influence in many progressive movements. As Mrs. Stowe wrote of him, "When the Rebellion broke out he stood by the nation to the best of his ability; and, if he gave mistaken counsels at any time, his mistakes were the unavoidable results of his mental organization, and not in the least due to any conscious swerving from principle, either in ethics or polities." The *Tribune's* columns bear witness to his numerous interests and activities, a record which

would fill volumes. A member of Congress, December 1, 1848, to March 4, 1849, he showed up the abuses of the mileage system, and advocated the homestead law. In 1851 he served as one of the jurors at the famous World's Fair in London, and in 1859 he made a fruitful journey of observation across the continent. Nominated for the Presidency by the Liberal and Democratic parties in 1872, he gave himself to the work of the campaign in the spirit of "reunion and fraternity," and received over two and a half million votes. Failing of election, he returned to his newspaper work. But the end was near. Depressed by the loss of his wife and exhausted by long and wearying labors, he died of inflammation of the brain on the 29th of November. The funeral services, held in the Church of the Divine Paternity, conducted by the pastor, Dr. Chapin, with a brief address also by Henry Ward Beecher, were attended by a large concourse of people, including President Grant, the Vice-President, and Chief Justice, and many other persons of distinction in public and in private life.

Mr. Greeley married in North Carolina, in 1836, Miss Mary Y. Cheney, a Connecticut school teacher, whose acquaintance he had made in New York. Four children, two sons and two daughters, were born to them, but only the daughters survived their parents. For many years the summer home of the family was at Chappaqua, about thirty-three miles from the city, on the farm that he bought early in his married life, and of which he was very fond.

In religion Mr. Greeley was a Universalist. He was the author of several books that were published in his lifetime. Among them may be named: "Glances at Europe," "Overland Journey to San Francisco," "The American Conflict," "What I know of Farming," and "Recollections of a Busy Life," the latter thus dedicated:—

"To our American boys who, born in poverty, cradled in obscurity, and early called from school and rugged labor, are seeking to convert obstacle into opportunity, and wrest achievement from difficulty, these Recollections are inscribed by their author."

The many volumes of the *Tribune* for which he was responsible are an evidence of the indefatigable labors of "our later Franklin," as he was designated by John G. Whittier, and sufficiently attest the claim that has been made, that he was "perhaps the greatest editor and certainly the foremost political advocate and controversialist, if not also the most influential popular writer, the country has produced."

**J**OHN B. FISK, an influential citizen of Chesterfield, N.H., widely known and highly respected as the "Veteran Justice," was born in this town on the farm which is still his home, on April 10, 1816, son of Thomas and Lucinda (Trowbridge) Fisk. The Fisk family, which is of English origin, has been identified with the industrial development of different parts of New England, and has produced men and women of ability and solid worth. John B. Fisk is a descendant of Nathaniel Fisk, who was great-grandson of Robert and Sybil Fisk, of Broad Gates, England. Nathaniel settled in Watertown, Mass., in 1642. His son John was the father of John Fisk, second, who settled in Shelburne Falls, Mass., and whose son Isaac died in Framingham. Isaac was the father of John, third, grandfather of John B. Fisk. Grandfather Fisk was born in Framingham, and died there in 1819. He and his wife, Abigail Howe, had eight children.

Thomas Fisk, above named, son of John and Abigail, was born in 1774. When about two years of age he had a severe attack of scarlet fever, which left him deaf. He consequently never learned to talk, but was able to read intelligently and to handle numbers accurately. When fifty years of age he was admitted to the school for deaf-mutes at Hartford, Conn., where he remained for one year, making remarkable progress, and learning much that was of value to him during the rest of his life. He died on July 25, 1861, at the age of eighty-seven years. The farm he bought was then known as the Ezra Davis farm, and the house built by him in 1807 is the last one in Chesterfield on the Hinsdale side. The place is now known as the "Fisk

"Homestead," a sign on the front of the house telling its name to the passer-by. When living in Dorchester, Mass., in his early years of activity, Thomas Fisk manufactured playing cards, being under bonds to the amount of seven hundred dollars, not to reveal the secret of the process. After coming to Chesterfield he engaged in farming, and was successful and prosperous. His wife, Lucinda, who survived him for some years, died at the same age as himself, eighty-seven. The children of Thomas Fisk were: Thomas T., who was born November 27, 1806; Lucinda, born March 4, 1809; Mary Ann, born June 28, 1814; and John B. Thomas T. Fisk resided in Hinsdale. He was twice married, the first time to Emily, daughter of Elijah Hildreth, the second time to Adeline Goodnow; and his children were: George C., Lucius G., Noyes W., and Addie E. Lucinda Fisk, now deceased, married Nathaniel Hildreth, of Charlestown, Vt. Mary Ann, who married Hosea Newton, died in Keota, Ia.

John B. Fisk was educated in the district schools and in the academy at Chesterfield, and in his early manhood he taught school during the winter and worked at farming in the summer. He finally decided to make farming his occupation, and has since resided in Chesterfield, with the exception of three years spent in Hinsdale. He was appointed Justice of the Peace in 1854, and held the position until 1896, when poor health constrained him to resign his commission. He was also for twenty-five years a Justice of the Quorum; and, being for many years the only Trial Justice in town, he tried many cases, some of them criminal cases which he sent up to the grand jury. His title, the "Veteran Justice," bestowed by courtesy, it is thus seen has been well won. In his official capacity Mr. Fisk has settled a large number of estates, probably more than any other man in town, and has often acted as guardian and trustee. This business has, in many cases, made it necessary for him to visit different parts of the country, and he has been West on eight different trips. He was for many years agent for the Cheshire Insurance Company, but gave up the position twenty years ago.

In politics Mr. Fisk was an old-time Whig. Later he joined the ranks of the Republican party, and has since been one of the most loyal members of that organization. He has been an active political worker, and his views have carried great influence; but he has not desired political preferment for himself. He served the town as Selectman for one year, and he has been sent as delegate to party conventions times innumerable. When the movement was made to open a post-office at Spofford Lake, Mr. Fisk remonstrated, and his arguments and statement of facts to Senator Gallinger were so effective that the movement fell through. Mr. Fisk is a strong temperance advocate, and is interested in the advancement of religious work, although he is not connected with any church.

Mr. Fisk has been twice married. His first wife, to whom he was married in 1838, was Arabel Robertson. She died in 1876, having borne three children, namely: Harrison F.; Martha D., who died in 1893; and Frank D. The second wife, to whom he was married on November 21, 1877, was Mrs. Pierce, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Ann Chandler. Frank D. Fisk is a commercial traveller. He is married and resides in Brattleboro. Harrison resides in Springfield, Ill., and is agent for a whip-manufacturing concern. Martha D. was twice married. Her first husband was Henry C. Walker, of Portsmouth, N.H., a wealthy man and son of a well-known Portsmouth family. He died on January 7, 1874; and she subsequently married Edward Stebbins, now a leading man of Hinsdale.

George C. Fisk, mentioned above, son of Thomas T., and a nephew of the subject of this sketch, was born on March 4, 1831, was married on June 7, 1853, to Maria E. Ripley, and resides at Brightwood, Mass. He is president of the Wason Car Company and of the Fisk Manufacturing Company, makers of soap at Springfield, Mass., and president of the Fisk Paper Company, of Hinsdale. He has worked his own way from being clerk in a store in Hinsdale to be the head of numerous successful enterprises. A reputed millionaire, he is considered one of the wealthiest men of the city of Springfield. He is modest and

simple in his tastes. Noyes, his brother, is treasurer of the soap company; and Lucius, another brother, now deceased, was a member of the same concern.

RODNEY JOHNSON, a well-known real estate owner, lumberman, and farmer of Goffstown, was born in this town, November 13, 1824, son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth McAuley Johnson. The grandfather, Timothy Johnson, was one of the first settlers of Goffstown. He took up new land, and made for himself a home in the wilds, where there was then abundance of wild game, and near the present centre of the town. In the course of time he acquired possession of other tracts of land. He died at an advanced age, esteemed by every one who knew him. Of his family of seven children, two sons and five daughters, none are now living.

Ebenezer Johnson, the father of the subject of this sketch, was also interested in real estate and farming, and was skilled in handling tools. He was a very industrious man and a member of the Baptist church. Always actively interested in the welfare of his native town, he was in early life a Whig and later a member of the Republican party, which thereafter had his stanch support until his death in 1847. His wife, Elizabeth, died at the age of eighty-seven years in Wisconsin, where she spent the last years of her life. Of their six children George died at the age of seven years, and Susan Newman about the age of fifty. The four living children are: Sarah J. Johnson, residing in Prescott, Wis.; Sylvanus C. Johnson, whose home is in Clifton, Wis.; Eliza, who resides in Minneapolis, Minn., the widow of Levi Bailey; and Rodney Johnson, who grew to manhood and resides in Goffstown, having been educated in the public schools.

At the age of nineteen Rodney Johnson was engaged in lumbering and farming for himself, also dealing in grain and flour. In 1851 he went to California by way of the Isthmus, being thirty days on the way, and was there engaged for three years in trade and

mining. After a visit to Goffstown he started in 1854 for Wisconsin, where he became largely interested in real estate and grain and in the city of Prescott. He did an extensive business there for a number of years, shipping large amounts of grain down the river and to Milwaukee and Chicago. He returned to Goffstown in 1857, and has since that time been a permanent resident here, though he still retains his real estate interests in Wisconsin.

In 1850 Mr. Johnson was married to Harriet F. Adams, who was born in Bedford, N.H., daughter of John and Mary (Seaver) Adams. Isadore Johnson, the eldest of his three children, born in California, June 22, 1854, now resides with her parents. She has been the librarian of the Rogers Free Library since its establishment in 1888 and the organist of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church for several years. Ernest Johnson, one of the sons, born in Prescott, Wis., in 1855, was married to Miss Carrie Eastman, and has two children — Howard E. and Rodney A. He is a lumber merchant and surveyor, and has been Town Clerk and a member of the School Board and of the Board of Health in his native town. He is a communicant of the Episcopal church, and has membership in the New England Order of Protection. In 1896 he was Grand Dictator of the Knights of Honor, and he is now Past Grand, as well as Grand Representative to the Supreme Lodge. Frank, the other son of Rodney Johnson, was born April 7, 1857, at Goffstown. Like his brother, a lumber merchant, he is also interested in farming. For the last ten years he has been Town Clerk. He is a Justice of the Peace, belongs to the Knights of Honor, and is a communicant of the Episcopal church. He was married in 1896 to Jessie A. Hawthorne, who was born in Hopkinton, N.H.

Rodney Johnson, the fortunate father of these two sons, is a self-made man. He has always been busily engaged in successful enterprises. He is one of the largest real estate owners in Goffstown, and has been Selectman for four years, and for many years Supervisor. In 1868 he was a Representative to the General Court, being elected on the Republican ticket.

Mr. Johnson is an active communicant of the Episcopal church, and was largely instrumental in having the present church building erected here. Mrs. Johnson is a grand-daughter of a Revolutionary veteran. Her grandfather, William Adams, of the Adams family of Hillsboro County, served as a soldier for two years in the struggle for American independence. Mrs. Johnson naturally feels much pride in her ancestry.

**J**ESSE C. EMERSON, who was a leading farmer of Weare at one time, was born in this town, March 23, 1809, son of Marden and Polly (Dow) Emerson. He was descended from one of three brothers named Emerson, who came to this country in the early period of its history. They settled in Weare, where the Emersons have since been a leading family, and remarkable for their industry and physical strength. Marden Emerson, born in Weare, February 11, 1781, died December 18, 1864. On November 15, 1803, he married Polly Dow. She was born near Georgetown, N.H., July 13, 1782, and died October 30, 1875.

Jesse C. Emerson grew to manhood in the town of Weare, receiving his education in the town schools. Prosperously engaged in general agriculture, he was one of the leading farmers of the district. In religious belief he was a Congregationalist. His political views carried him into the Democratic party, with which he invariably voted. On June 20, 1839, he married Harriet Duke, who was born in Andover, Mass., December 29, 1816, and died in Grasmere, March 2, 1895. She was a daughter of John and Pheebe Holt Duke. Mr. and Mrs. Emerson had four children—Louisa P., Emeline, Mary A., and Hattie A. Louisa P. died at the age of five years; Emeline married Albert Tirrell, of Weymouth, Mass.; Mary A. married Edwin Flanders, of whom a separate sketch will be found; Hattie A. resides in Grasmere, a part of the town of Goffstown, where she has a beautiful home. A very intelligent lady, she takes much interest in preserving the family history, of which she may be justly proud. Mr. Emer-

son's death occurred March 27, 1887, in the house beneath whose roof he was born.

**H**ON. BOLIVAR LOVELL, an excellent example, as has been well said, of the best type of the village lawyer, died at his pleasant home in Drewsville, Cheshire County, N.H., June 10, 1893. Mr. Lovell was born in Drewsville, August 30, 1826, and was the second son of Aldis and Martha (Willard) Lovell.

His father, Aldis Lovell, who was the third son of Elijah and Abigail G. Lovell, was born in Rockingham, Vt., August 2, 1789. Until he was twenty-one years of age Aldis assisted his father about the farm, availing himself in the meantime of such educational opportunities as the little town afforded. But, wearying of farm life, he determined to seek more congenial fields. Deciding to fit himself for the legal profession, he spent a few terms at the Chester Academy, and in 1818 went from there to New Market, N.H., to pursue a course preparatory for college. Having completed that course, he entered the law office of the Hon. Daniel Kellogg, of Saxton's River, Vt., and after two years' close study he was admitted to the bar at Newfane, Vt. He took up practice in his native town, but shortly removed to Drewsville, N.H., where he continued active in his profession till the time of his death, which occurred March 12, 1866, his duties extending into Alstead and other adjacent towns. He was County Solicitor for ten years, between 1840 and 1850; but, while he figured prominently in public life, he held few offices. He is spoken of "as a lawyer, honest, and in pursuit of justice untiring. Nothing would make him more impatient than to see wrong-doing go unpunished. He was one who enjoyed a good story, and could tell one himself." He was a close observer of human nature, and had the courage of his convictions. He married Martha, daughter of Paul and Martha (Haskell) Willard, and grand-daughter of Colonel Henry Haskell, of Revolutionary fame. She was born at Lancaster, Mass., May 26, 1799, and died at Drewsville, N.H., August 12, 1851. The

children of this union were Aldis, who died in infancy; Maria, who died in 1836, at the age of twelve years; Bolivar, the special subject of this sketch; Henry A., who married Georgie B., daughter of Ignatius Fellows; and Willard A., who married Julia A., daughter of Lyman Chandler.

Bolivar Lovell received a limited education in the district schools of the town of Walpole, and at the age of sixteen was taken into the employ of Cragin & Hartwell, merchants of Providence, R.I., where he remained for three years. The young man, however, had inherited a taste for the law, and he returned home at the age of nineteen to read law in his father's office at Alstead. Appointed Deputy Sheriff at the early age of twenty-one, he acted in that capacity until the year 1855, when he was appointed Sheriff for the county of Cheshire. This office he held for ten years. In 1862 he was made United States Assessor of Internal Revenues for the Third New Hampshire District for eight years. He was admitted to the Sullivan County bar in 1869, and, entering at once upon the duties of his profession at Alstead, there acquired a remunerative practice, and became widely known. In 1873 and 1874 he was a member of Governor Cheney's Council, and in 1879 he served on the State Board of Equalization of Taxes. In 1880 he removed to Drewsville, where he built himself a handsome residence, adding a finely equipped office and well-chosen library.

He married in 1848 Sarah E. B., daughter of Hope and Fanny (Cooper) Lathrop, of Drewsville. Mrs. Lovell's father came originally from Connecticut. In youth he learned the plater's trade in Westminster, Vt., and in 1819 he removed to Drewsville, where he followed his trade for a few years, afterward for a number of years holding the office of Deputy Sheriff. His next interest was in the hotel business, and he likewise held the office of Postmaster for several years. He was a director of the Connecticut River Bank at Charlestown, N.H., and was president of the bank for some years before his death. Mr. Lathrop was cautious and sagacious in business, and under his presidency the bank

prospered as it had never done before. He is said to have been a man of more than ordinary intellectual ability, added to an indomitable energy and persistency of character. He was twice married; and by his first wife, formerly Miss Fanny Cooper, he had three daughters—Sarah E. B., Lucia A., and Fanny. Mrs. Fanny C. Lathrop died June 4, 1837, and Mr. Lathrop married second a daughter of Thomas Drew, and widow of Joseph Bond, M.D. His home was in Drewsville, where he amassed a large fortune, and became one of the most prominent men of the town. Mr. Lovell is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sarah E. B. Lovell, and three children, namely: Martha Ellen, who married Dr. S. T. Smith; Hope L. and Aldis, both of whom make their home in Drewsville.

Capable and faithful in the discharge of trusts, liberal-minded, hospitable, uniformly kind and courteous, Mr. Lovell was much admired and beloved. However engrossed by private business or public duties, he was ever foremost in any movement for the advancement of the schools, the morals of youth, and the welfare of the community. When his useful and honorable career was closed by death, the press did not fail to pay tribute to his memory, one to whom he was well known writing:—

"As sheriff he was a model officer, fearless, exact, careful, and courteous, giving to his office the dignity and character which the tradition and teaching of our law demand.

"As a lawyer he was exact, careful, and painstaking, a wise and prudent counsellor and a most faithful attorney. He never took up a case until thoroughly convinced of its merits, and then strove with all of his characteristic tenacity and strong will to accomplish his client's ends. While his modesty prevented him from taking the more showy and prominent positions in the trial of causes, our best lawyers knew when associated with him how greatly his skilful preparation of the case contributed to their success in the court.

"While his business life was thus faithful and conscientious, his private life was equally sweet and true, and his devotion to his family was as marked as to his clients and friends."

**M**AHLON C. DIX, M.D., of Hinsdale, N.H., a physician well known throughout Cheshire County, was born in Troy, Vt., January 12, 1814, son of Samuel and Maria B. (Church) Dix. Samuel Dix, the son of John, was born in Reading, Mass. When a young man he went to Montpelier, Vt., and was there in association with Mr. Mahlon Cottrill, connected with the stage line running from that city to Boston, being thus engaged until the railroads supplanted the stage-coach. In polities he was a strong Democrat. He died in 1872, at the age of seventy-two years, his wife surviving him ten years. Seven children were born to them, namely: Samuel N., now living in Montgomery, Vt., a retired merchant; Mahlon C., the Doctor; Francis F. (deceased); John, a house carpenter, residing at Lebanon, N.H.; and three who died in infancy, one being a daughter, Mary Jane.

Mahlon C., the special subject of this sketch, was educated at the academy in Albany, Vt., where his father had resided for more than twenty years. While in attendance at the academy, he enlisted in the Fifteenth Vermont Regiment, Company I. He served nine months, and, re-enlisting in 1864, served until the close of the war, when he received his discharge at Burlington, Vt. Though he did not participate in many engagements during the war, his company being chiefly called to do guard duty, he experienced many severe marches, most of them made at night, when much ground had to be covered in quick time. After his war experience he took up teaching, spending his summers in work on farms, and thus, earning and saving, he was soon able to commence the study of medicine. He took his first course of lectures in the medical department of the University of Vermont at Burlington in 1873, and after some years of study, partly under the tutelage of Dr. George W. Woodward, of Albany, he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University in 1875. During these years spent in study he was also engaged in teaching at Albany, at Craftsbury, Westfield, and North and South Troy, thus earning his way through college. Though his medical ed-

ucation had cost him eighteen hundred dollars, he was but one hundred dollars in debt when, August 1, 1875, he began the practice of medicine at Hinsdale, where he has since remained.

Dr. Dix has served for seventeen consecutive years on the Hinsdale Board of Education, raising the standard of work, and classifying the schools into grades and districts. He was one of the originators of the high school, and, with Dr. Leonard, has been influential in making numerous advantageous changes in text-books and in other ways. To-day the standard of all the schools of Hinsdale is as high as the best in any city, and the graduates of the high school are admitted to Dartmouth on the signature of the principal. In other ways the Doctor has been influential in the town. Politically, he is a Democrat, but voted for McKinley in the recent election. He has been Selectman for one year. He is a Mason, a member of the Golden Rule Lodge, No. 77, and has taken the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, thirty-second degree; is a member of the Order of Red Men, Squakheag Lodge, No. 27; and of Sheridan Post, No. 14, G. A. R. His preference in religion is for the Congregationalists.

In minor surgery Dr. Dix does much work, being called to many such cases among the mill hands of the town; but his principal practice is in obstetrical cases, of which he attends at least half that occur in the town. His services are sought in neighboring towns throughout the county. He married August 13, 1877, Addie E., daughter of Alfred Marble, a leading member of the Congregational Church of Hinsdale, and is at present senior Deacon. Mrs. Dix is an active member of this church. The Doctor and his wife have no children.

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**K**ENDRICK KENDALL, of the well-known firm Kendall, Hadley & Co., manufacturers of sashes, blinds, window frames, etc., at Goffstown, was born in Mont Vernon, N.H., January 26, 1838, son of Ira and Cyrene (Batchelder) Kendall. Ira

Kendall and his wife were also natives of Mont Vernon. While his regular occupation was that of farmer, he was often engaged in settling estates, and he served in a number of town offices, including that of Selectman. His life was spent in Mont Vernon, and he had four children.

Kendrick Kendall lived in Mont Vernon with his parents during the early years of his life. He received a fair, general education, but fitted for no special line of business. On leaving Mont Vernon, he went to Nashua, and lived there for a few years. In 1858 he came to Goffstown, and for ten years was employed by the sash and blind manufacturers, William Hadley and his successor, Ded D. Gregg, acting in the capacity of manager for a part of the time. The firm of Kendall, Hadley & Co. was then formed, and the business has since been successfully carried on under this title, though Mr. Hadley is now deceased. The factory is fitted up with improved machinery, and furnishes continuous employment for from seventy to seventy-five men. Much credit is due to Mr. Kendall for the success with which the enterprise has been conducted.

In March, 1864, Mr. Kendall was married to Miss Rebecca Warren, of Goffstown. They have two sons and a daughter—Frank W., Annie M., and Lewis B. Mr. Kendall is an independent politician. He has served as Town Treasurer, and in 1875 he was sent as a Representative to the lower house of the New Hampshire legislature. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Goffstown.

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**J**OHN G. DODGE, one of the best known and esteemed residents of Goffstown, was born February 17, 1844, son of John G. and Polly (Tallant) Dodge. The Dodge family has been identified with the history of Goffstown ever since the town was settled. Antipas Dodge, the great-grandfather of John G., was one of the interesting characters figuring in the early history of the town. Born in Old Haverhill Neck in 1732, he died July 4, 1834, at the

advanced age of one hundred and two years. He served in the French and Indian War, and in the Revolutionary War at the battle of Bunker Hill. For his services in the French and Indian War he was granted a tract of land in the Uncanoonuc Mountains, where on the 4th of March, 1762, he settled near the site of the village of Goffstown. He came alone, bringing on his back from Londonderry besides one bushel of corn—which he had ground at McGregor's old mill—a blanket, an axe, a gun with ammunition, an iron kettle, and a bag of salt. In this way he entered on his new estate, and began to make a home in the wilds. His last days were spent in Goffstown, where he made an honored name for his descendants. The farm settled by Antipas Dodge continues to the present time in the family.

James Dodge, who was born on the old homestead in 1771, like his father was sturdy, industrious, and progressive. He made many improvements on the home property, and built one of the best houses of his time, which still stands in a good state of preservation. He was a stanch Presbyterian and a member of the Democratic party. He had two sons and three daughters, all now deceased, who reached maturity. They were: John G., Jerusha L., Maria, Mary, and Daniel G. John G. Dodge, Sr., passed his entire life on the old homestead, chiefly occupied in the cultivation of its four hundred and twenty-five acres. He was a Universalist and a Democrat. He died on the 17th of July, 1882; and his wife, who was a native of Canterbury, died in 1870. Four daughters of this worthy couple—Margaret, Jerusha, Mary, and Maria—are now deceased. Their son James, late of Pembroke, N.H., died May 11, 1897, at the age of sixty-seven years and six months. One daughter, Elizabeth, the wife of William H. H. Hart, of Goffstown, and John G. Dodge, Jr., are living.

John G. Dodge, the youngest of his parents' children, grew to manhood on the old home farm. After completing the course of the public schools of his native town, he studied for a while at New Boston and later at Boscawen Academy. Then, after teaching

school for one term, he engaged in farming, carpentry, and lumbering. At present his business interests are almost entirely confined to lumbering and real estate. He still holds an interest in the Dodge homestead, which is looked upon by the whole family with mingled pride and reverence.

Mr. Dodge contracted his first marriage with Addie M. Travis, who died January 14, 1883. The present Mrs. Dodge was before marriage Miss Lucy A. Colby, daughter of George W. Colby. Both she and her husband are attendants of the Congregational church. In politics Mr. Dodge, holding to the family tradition, is a well-known Democrat. He is a Mason of Bible Lodge at Goffstown; an Odd Fellow of Webster Lodge, No. 24; and he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, No. 37, Advance Lodge; and to Eastern Star, No. 6. Active and enterprising all his life, Mr. Dodge has carved his own fortunes. In 1874 he moved from the Dodge homestead into the village, where he has a happy home with pleasant surroundings. He takes much interest in the early history of Goffstown.

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**W**ILLIAM W. DINSMORE, a leading resident of Alstead and a native of this town, was born February 12, 1857, son of John G. and Mary E. (Spence) Dinsmore. The great-grandfather, Thomas Dinsmore, who was the first of the name in this part of New Hampshire, and who settled in Alstead as a farmer, took a leading part in public affairs, and was generally respected. His wife was a Green. Calvin Dinsmore, the grandfather, was born in Alstead, and died there at the age of seventy-five years. He was a farmer and a blacksmith, and one of the leading men of the town. He was universally beloved because of his genial and kindly manners, and was known by everybody in the place as "Uncle Calvin." He was active in town affairs and one of the liberal supporters of the Universalist church. His wife, in maidenhood Lucy Walker, was born in Langdon, and lived to be seventy-eight years old. They had a family of ten children.

John G. Dinsmore, the third child of his

parents, was born in Alstead, January 29, 1817, and died December 1, 1892. He worked as a farmer until he came of age, when he bought a smithy, and worked at the blacksmith's trade for twenty-three years. Then he engaged in the wholesale flour and grain business, which he carried on for three or four years, when he was obliged to retire from active life. He was always interested in public affairs, and was more or less closely associated with the administration of the town business. A member of the Congregational church, he was an active worker in that body and one of its generous supporters. His business relations were always characterized by strict honesty, and he was everywhere known as a man of absolute integrity. His wife's father had been a director and the president of both the Charlestown National Bank and the Connecticut River National Bank for many years at the time of his death.

William W. Dinsmore was an only child. After receiving his education in the town schools and at Barre Academy, of Barre, Vt., he began his business life as clerk in a grocery store at Keene, where he remained for two years. At the end of that time he returned to Alstead, and entered the flour and grain business, in which his father was at that time engaged. He has remained here since, assisting his father, who was in feeble health, in the management of his business interests. Since the death of the latter he has been engaged in settling the estate and looking out for the property. He is an attendant of the Congregational church, and takes an interest in the affairs of that town. He has held the office of Tax Collector for the past six years. Mr. Dinsmore married N. Emma Emerson, of this place, who was born September 15, 1857.

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**V**AN BUREN MARTIN, a prosperous farmer of Goffstown, was born on the farm on which he is now living, February 26, 1840, son of Francis B. and Betsy B. (Hadley) Martin. His grandfather, Captain Joshua Martin, was one of the first settlers here. A hard-working and industrious

man, Captain Martin cleared the place his grandson occupies. He was a Revolutionary soldier, and was taken prisoner by the Indians.

Francis B. Martin, who was born here, July 1, 1792, also followed the life of an agriculturist. On December 25, 1817, he married Miss Betsy B. Hadley, who was born July 1, 1797, being his junior by five years to a day. He died November 15, 1872, and she, May 10, 1879. Ten children, seven sons and three daughters, were born to them, as follows: Abigail H., July 26, 1818; Joshua, March 5, 1820; Francis, April 24, 1822; Emily A., November 26, 1823; Richard H., December 17, 1825; Joshua (second), February 20, 1828; Luther P., December 23, 1830; Calvin, August 15, 1833; Elizabeth, February 6, 1837; and Van Buren, February 26, 1840. Three sons and two daughters are now living—Abigail H., Francis, Calvin, Elizabeth, and Van Buren. Both parents were members of the Congregational church. In politics the father was a Democrat.

Van Buren Martin has always resided on the homestead, of which he is the present owner. Not content with simply caring for his farm, he has branched out into other lines, and as a result of his thrift and enterprise now owns, in addition to the home place, on which he has made numerous improvements, two hundred acres in Dunbarton and sufficient other land in Goffstown to make about three hundred and fifty acres. On March 30, 1868, he married Mary Ellen Bucklin, who was born in Grafton, N.H., March 7, 1842, daughter of James and Lydia Bucklin. Both her parents have passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have had three children, two sons and a daughter. The daughter, Dora May, born in October, 1871, died November 19, 1893. The sons, both living at home, are: James F., born February 19, 1870; and Herbert E., born June 8, 1879.

Mr. Martin is a Democrat. He is a member of Bible Lodge, F. & A. M., at Goffstown; of Webster Lodge, No. 24, I. O. O. F., at Goffstown; and the encampment at Manchester; and of Granite Lodge, No. 3, K. of P., at Manchester. James F., the older son,

is also a member of Bible Lodge, F. & A. M.; and of Webster Lodge, I. O. O. F. In religion both parents are liberal.

**F**RANCIS MARTIN, now over seventy-five years of age, is the oldest living son of Francis B. and Betsy B. (Hadley) Martin. He received a district-school education. With the exception of three years spent in Quincy, Mass., he has constantly resided in this his native town. The farm on which he now lives, and which has been his home for the past fifty years, contains about seventy-five acres, and is under good cultivation. On December 8, 1846, Mr. Martin was united in marriage with Miss Clarinda Hadley, who was born in Goffstown, daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah Hadley. They have one son, Henry F. Martin, born April 7, 1848. Henry, who is a well-known and successful farmer of this town, married Georgia Austin, of Hookset, N.H. She has borne him two daughters—Clara May and Jennie Belle. In political affiliation Francis Martin is a Democrat. While both he and his wife hold liberal religious views, they are attendants of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**J**OHN A. BRYER, a leading business man of Antrim, was born September 1, 1846, in Lake Village (now Lakeport), N.H., son of Jonathan K. and Maria (Annis) Bryer. His grandfather, David Bryer, a native of Canterbury, N.H., was a stone mason and a contractor for the erection of stone walls throughout New Hampshire. After an industrious and successful business career David died at the advanced age of eighty-three years. In politics he was successively a Whig and a Republican. Of his seven children who reached maturity Julia, Martha, Mary, and Albert S. are living. Julia is now the widow of Smith Morrill, late of Rumney, N.H., and has one child living, Sarah Morrill. Martha is the wife of Joseph Thing, of Lakeport, N.H., and has two children—Warren and George. Mary married George Hackett, of Elizabeth City, N.J., and

has two children — George and Ella. Albert S. married Lucy Hardy, of Groton, N.H., and has one child, Ella.

Jonathan K. Bryer, the third child of David, born in Canterbury, N.H., was a farmer there for some years. Then he moved to Groton, where his father bought a large farm. Here he resided up to the time of his death, which occurred when he was seventy-two years old. A man of integrity and untiring industry, he was greatly esteemed by all. Maria Annis Bryer, the first of his two wives, bore him six children, of whom Clarence L., John A., David P., Herbert K., and Charles A. are living. Clarence L. has been twice married, and became the father of four children by his first wife; David P. married Mary Sawyer, of Antrim, and has two children — Myrtie and Walter; Herbert K. married Lizzie Stacy, of the same town, and has four children — Bertha, Albert, Graee, and Mary; Charles A. married a Miss Putney, of Hebron, N.H., and has five children. Jonathan's second wife was Lydia Fellows Bryer, who had three children — Annie, George, and Leon. Annie is now the wife of Lewis Brown, of Groton, and has one child.

John A. Bryer received his education in Groton. On March 30, 1864, being then but seventeen years old, he enlisted as a private in the Fourth New Hampshire Regiment, Company I, and thereafter served in the war until its close, participating in the siege of Petersburg and the actions at Deep Bottom, Fort Fisher, and Richmond. He was wounded by a stray ball at Petersburg, and was discharged July 1, 1865. He then returned to Groton, and went to farming, and later on worked in a truss factory for two years and a half. Subsequently in Haverhill, N.H., he was for a short time engaged in the blacksmith business, after which he spent one year and a half in Lebanon and one year in Bristol, N.H. In 1870 he purchased his present shop in Antrim, where he has since resided.

On June 11, 1869, Mr. Bryer married Lodemia E., daughter of Able Bailey, of Groton. They have no children. Mr. Bryer has been Town Clerk, and is now Second Selectman. He is a comrade of the G. A. R.

Post No. 87, Ephraim Weston, of Antrim; and for twenty years has been a member of the I. O. O. F. He has taken all the degrees in Waverly Lodge, No. 59, and occupied all of the chairs. Both he and Mrs. Bryer have been members of the Presbyterian church for the past twenty years. In politics he is a Republican. He is highly esteemed and popular in Antrim.

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**S**TEPHEN C. COBURN, an esteemed resident of Milford and a good representative of New England's self-made men, was born November 19, 1825, in Mont Vernon, N.H., son of Josiah and Judith (Carlton) Coburn. Josiah Coburn lived in Dracut, Mass., until ten years of age. Then he went to Mont Vernon, where he afterward resided until his death, which occurred while he was yet in the prime of manhood. He married Judith Carlton, a daughter of Deacon John Carlton. Deacon Carlton fought for independence in the Revolution. He was a lifelong resident of Mont Vernon, of which his father was a pioneer.

Stephen C. Coburn was an infant when his father died. He remained with his widowed mother throughout his boyhood, assisting her as much as he could in the maintenance of her family, and obtaining a practical education in the common and high schools of his native town. When sixteen years old he began serving an apprenticeship of three years to shoemaking with John Mills, of Milford, whither he removed for that purpose. Having become an adept at this work, Mr. Coburn followed it for thirty-five years, the last thirty years of the time being prosperously engaged as a manufacturer and retailer of boots and shoes in this town, employing at times as many as twelve men to assist him in meeting the demands of his customers. In 1882 he retired to his present farm, which contains about sixty acres of land, and has since devoted his time to farming pursuits. Mr. Coburn has ever been interested in all enterprises tending to improve and benefit the town or county. He has given his hearty support to all such projects, and is an active worker in the cause of temperance.

He has served the community in some of the most responsible offices. From 1879 until 1883, inclusive, he represented the town in the State legislature. He was a member of the Board of Education for four years, and Selectman of Milford for five years, being chairman of the Board for all but one year of the time. He belongs to the local lodge of Odd Fellows. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the Congregational church.

In 1856, September 11, Mr. Coburn married Miss Ann Jane Putnam, a daughter of the late Aaron K. Putnam, of Wilton, N.H. Mr. and Mrs. Coburn are the parents of five children, namely: Mary E., the wife of Albert A. Gilson, of Walpole, N.H.; Florence S., the wife of William H. Whitmore, of Cleveland, Ohio; Grace, the wife of George A. McIntire, of this town; Stephen C. Coburn, Jr., of Milford; and Charles H., a resident of Hanover, N.H.

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JOHN F. BUTLER, M.D., the well-known physician and surgeon of Ches-terfield, Cheshire County, N.H., and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Marlow, N.H., June 14, 1831, son of Jonathan and Martha (Russell) Butler. His great-grandfather, William Butler, settled in that part of Gloucester, Mass., which became known as Butler's Point, and is now included in the town of Essex. He later removed to Lyndeboro, N.H., where he passed the rest of his days. He was married late in life, and the maiden name of his wife was Sarah Perkins. She lived to be ninety-two years old. William and Sarah Butler had three sons, Jonathan, William, and Jacob, all of whom served in the Revolutionary War. Jacob, who was taken prisoner, died of small-pox while in captivity in Nova Scotia; and William, who became a captain, died at sea.

Jonathan Butler, Dr. Butler's grandfather, was born in Ipswich, Mass., in 1752. He learned the blacksmith's trade, and in 1777 settled in Lyndeboro, N.H., where he died December 5, 1844, aged ninety-two years. In 1778 he married Lois Kidder, by whom he had three sons and nine daughters.

Jonathan Butler, second, eldest son of Jonathan, first, and father of Dr. John F. Butler, was born in Lyndeboro. When a young man he settled upon a tract of wild land in Marlow, in the northern part of Cheshire County, where he cleared a farm and spent his active years in agricultural pursuits. He died July 19, 1843, aged fifty-eight years. His wife Martha, whom he married in 1807, was a daughter of Nathaniel Russell, a mechanic and a hotel-keeper of Wilmington, Mass. Nathaniel Russell responded to the call to arms made by the midnight rider from Boston on the night of the 18th of April, 1775; and, gun in hand, he followed on to Concord. He served all through the Revolutionary War, and was discharged in the Carolinas. Mrs. Martha Russell Butler died January 24, 1856. She and her husband were born the same year. They were the parents of eleven children, all born in Marlow, named as follows: Nathaniel R.; Martha; Susan; Mary; William; Sarah Jane; Lucinda; Jonathan Wesley; John F., the subject of this sketch; and two others who died in infancy. Nathaniel R. Butler was early in life engaged in the shoe business, and also interested in lumbering. He later went to Ashburnham, Mass., to rest, and recover his health, and while there took up farming. He afterward made a specialty of poultry-raising, supplying eggs and chickens to hotels at good prices; and he accumulated considerable property. He died in Gardner, Mass. Susan Butler became the wife of John Ramsey, and died a few years after marriage. Mary wedded Francis Buss, a manufacturer of Aeworth, N.H. William always resided in Marlow, and was an exceedingly active business man. He became a successful cattle and real estate dealer, and acquired a small fortune. The last twenty years of his life were passed in retirement. His widow survives him. Sarah Jane was the second wife, and is now the widow, of John Ramsey, late of Orange, Mass., who was the original manufacturer of the Ramsey sleigh, and who built the Mansion House in Orange. Jonathan Wesley Butler died unmarried at the age of twenty-five years.

John F. Butler was but twelve years old when his father died, and was therefore thrown mainly upon his own resources at an early age. With the assistance of his mother he managed to acquire a fair education, and during his vacations he taught district and writing schools. He was fitted for college at the Marlow Academy and at Tubbs Union Academy in Washington, N.H.; but, instead of entering upon a classical course, he began the study of medicine with Dr. Marshall Perkins, of Marlow. He later attended lectures at Dartmouth College. He entered the Tremont Medical School, Boston, in 1853, and in 1854 was graduated at the Harvard Medical School, where he was a classmate of ex-Mayor Samuel A. Green, of Boston. He was among the eighteen out of a class of twenty-seven who passed a favorable examination, and his diploma was signed by Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes. While in Boston he had the advantage of practical observation in the different hospitals, and thus equipped he began the practice of medicine and surgery in Chesterfield. During the Crimean War Dr. Butler was offered an opportunity to enter the Russian service, but, seeing the disadvantages that an American must labor under in such a position, he declined. In the spring of 1864 he was commissioned by Governor Andrew Assistant Surgeon of the Thirty-ninth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, then attached to the Fifth Army Corps. While serving in front of Petersburg, he contracted fever and ague, and had a thirty days' furlough, after which he returned to duty. He also served as Surgeon of the Sixteenth Maine and the Eighty-eighth Pennsylvania Regiments. After the war he resumed his practice here, and his professional labors have since extended over a wide territory. Not only his skill both as a physician and surgeon, but his kindly disposition and deeds of charity commend him to the esteem and confidence of his fellow townsmen.

In 1857 Dr. Butler married for his first wife Julia, daughter of the Rev. Silas Quimby, of Lebanon, N.H. She died in 1861, and her infant died soon afterward. In 1863 the Doctor wedded for his second wife Celia A. Brewster, daughter of John L. Brewster, of Lowell,

Mass., and, like his first wife, a graduate of the New Hampshire Conference Seminary.

Politically, Dr. Butler is a Democrat. He represented Chesterfield in the legislature during the years 1874 and 1875, and served upon the committee on the Insane Asylum. He served on the School Board for twelve terms, and for many years was Moderator at town meetings. He is still actively engaged in his professional work, and has a lucrative practice.



WILLIAM McQUESTEN, an influential resident of Merrimac, was born in Litchfield, this State, March 15, 1831, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Chase) McQuesten. He comes of a family that has long been settled in the State, and has been closely allied with its growth and history. His grandfather was a pioneer of Litchfield, where he was one of the leading men, and spent a long and useful life. His son Henry, after he grew to manhood, continued to reside on the homestead, and engaged in farming. Henry also did some teaming. He served the town as Selectman, and held various minor offices. In politics he was a Republican, in religion a Universalist. Two of his four children are living. They are: Henry W. McQuesten, living in Merrimac; and William McQuesten, the subject of this biography.

William McQuesten, the elder of the two brothers, is a worthy representative of the family. His life has been varied with incident and travel, and he has acquired a large store of general information. His early education was received in the schools of his native town. At the age of fifteen he started in business, learning at first to be a brickmaker, and later becoming a boatman on the Merrimac River. In 1850, when nineteen years of age, with the hopefulness of youth, he went to California in search of gold. In the next fifteen years he visited various parts of that State and British Columbia, mining with considerable success. He returned for a short time to his native town in 1866. Some time after he opened a general merchandise store in





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Cleveland, Ohio, which he conducted until 1869. Then he disposed of the business, and came back to make his home permanently where he now resides. He has a fine, handsome and home-like residence, and owns about eighty acres of land.

On November 5, 1868, Mr. McQuesten married Lydia J. Reid, a native of Litchfield and a daughter of William Reid. Subsequently he wedded Caroline Busswell, of Lebanon, N.H., and later Miss Elizabeth K. Harriman, of Haverhill, Mass., who is his present wife. He has two sons: Carroll L., a farmer of Merrimac; and Frank, who is now preparing to enter the legal profession. Always interested in public improvement, Mr. McQuesten has been prominent in town affairs, and has served as Selectman and in other offices. In politics he is a Republican. A religious man, he is a member and the clerk of the Congregational church. In 1891 Mr. McQuesten made a tour in Europe with his wife, visiting the principal cities, and observing the manners and customs of foreign people.

**D**ANIEL W. TENNEY, a retired business man of Marlboro and an ex-member of the legislature, was born in this town, September 12, 1834, son of Calvin and Tabitha (Baker) Tenney. The first of the family to settle in Marlboro was William Tenney (first), who came from Littleton, Mass., and was accompanied by his son, William Tenney (second). The maiden name of his wife was Sarah Proctor, and the family became permanently located here about the year 1775. William Tenney (second), Daniel W. Tenney's grandfather, after buying lot No. 6 in the second range, for which he paid thirty pounds, converted it into a good farm. He died September 14, 1823, and his farm is now owned by Amos A. Mason.

Calvin Tenney, the father of Daniel W., was born in Marlboro, and became one of the stirring farmers of his day. In the days of stage-coaches, he kept a hotel for twenty-seven years, and then moved to the village, where he spent his last years in retirement. In his

younger days he took an active part in political affairs, and held various town offices. His wife, Tabitha, belonged to a prominent family, whose ancestors were early settlers of New Hampshire. She reared five children; namely, Cosbie, Goodhue, George W., Henry C., and Daniel W. Goodhue and Henry C. are no longer living. Cosbie married Barton Blodgett, of Marlboro, and has three children. George W. is married, and resides in Westmoreland, N.H.

Daniel W. Tenney's education, begun in the district schools, was completed in an academy. After entering business as a clerk, he was later associated with a partner in the dry-goods trade for about two years. At the end of that time he went to Greenfield, and was there employed by Potter & Richardson for a year. For the succeeding two years he was engaged in peddling fancy goods upon the road. Then, selling his outfit, he started in the manufacture of woodenware in Marlboro, a business which he followed for several years. He next formed a stock company, which manufactured blankets and other woollen goods for a number of years. After this he was associated with Clinton Collins for two years, and with Fred Adams for a considerable length of time. Finally he sold out his interest to Mr. Adams, and retired from active business pursuits. Mr. Tenney cast his first Presidential vote for John C. Fremont in 1856, and has since been an ardent supporter of the Republican party. As a member of the Board of Selectmen he ably assisted in the administration of the town's business for a number of years, and during his two years as a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives he carefully guarded the interests of this locality.

Mr. Tenney married Jane A. Tenney. His children were: Willie W., born January 18, 1864, who is married and resides in California; Jennie May, born May 8, 1865; and Daniel H., born November 15, 1868, who died March 14, 1888. He is a member of Hugh de Payens Masonic Commandery, Knights Templar, of Keene; and he is connected with the Improved Order of Red Men. Besides attending the Universalist church, he serves it as a

member of the Governing Committee. Mr. Tenney has long occupied a prominent place among the representative men of Marlboro, and has always been ready with his aid and influence to forward measures calculated to be of benefit to the community. The family live in a handsome residence, which was erected by Mr. Tenney in 1894.

**F**RANK J. ROBBINS, a thriving general merchant and Postmaster of West Peterboro, Hillsboro County, was born in South Antrim, N.H., February 16, 1851, son of Collins C. and Susan (Hews) Robbins. His grandfather, Josiah Robbins, was a prosperous tiller of the soil in South Antrim; and he died at an advanced age. He, Josiah, married Polly White; and two of their children, George and Alfred, are now living.

Collins C. Robbins was born in March, 1834. When old enough he obtained employment in the factory at West Peterboro, and subsequently became overseer, a position which he held for several years. Later he established a general store, which he conducted until his death, the latter event occurring December 5, 1895. Upright in character and possessing many sterling qualities, he was well worthy of the esteem in which he was held by those who knew him. In politics he was a Republican. He was three times married. His first wife, Susan Hews, who was a native of Littleton, N.H., died in 1857, leaving one son, Frank J., the subject of this sketch. For his second wife he married Lotta Hutchinson, by whom he had two children: Fred C., who is married, and the father of two children — Guy and Harry; and Dora J. His third wife was Lizzie R. Gowing, who now resides in West Peterboro, N.H., and by whom he had one child, that died in infancy.

Frank J. Robbins was educated in Peterboro, and after leaving school he secured employment in the cotton-mills. He was overseer of the dressing-room for a number of years, but subsequently resigned his position to enter his father's store. After the death of the elder Robbins he succeeded to

the business. He was appointed Postmaster in 1890, and still retains the office.

On April 10, 1870, Mr. Robbins was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Stanley, daughter of Charles Stanley, of this town. Mrs. Robbins is the mother of one daughter, Susie G., born August 15, 1873. Politically, Mr. Robbins acts with the Republican party. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and stands high as an able business man and a useful citizen. Both he and his wife are Unitarians.

**E**LBEN WILSON JONES, a well-known resident of Peterboro, was born in Gilsum, this State, July 21, 1854, son of Ebenezer and Rhoda E. (Wilson) Jones. His grandfather, Amos Jones, who was born in Royalston, Mass., moved to Putney, Vt., where he resided until his death in 1859. Amos was a prominent member of the Orthodox church, and for many years one of its deacons. He married a Miss Estebrook, and had ten children, of whom Ebenezer was the second.

Ebenezer Jones, also a native of Royalston, born February 18, 1803, learned the clothier's trade in Winchendon, Mass. Besides working at this calling for many years, he also ran an old-fashioned saw-mill and carding-mill, living in Wilton, Antrim, Acworth, Gilsum, and other places. In Gilsum he remained about fifteen years, and had a general merchandise store, carried on under the name of Jones & Webster. He next kept a general merchandise store in Harrisville. In 1860 he came to Peterboro, and there opened a clothing store, which he conducted up to within a few years of his death. Mr. Jones was four times married. Mary Ann Prouty became his first wife and had four children, one of whom, William H., is living. The second marriage was contracted with Mary Ann Rice Hartwell; the third with Rhoda E. Wilson, who died at the age of twenty-six; and the fourth with Betsey Robbins Brooks. Mr. Ebenezer Jones was a member of the Methodist Church of Gilsum, and was active in all the church affairs. In politics he was a Republican, and

while in Gilsum was sent as Representative to the legislature in the year 1854. He was esteemed for his many fine qualities of mind and heart. His death occurred February 14, 1878.

Eben Wilson Jones attended school in Peterboro. He began his business career in an insurance office in Peterboro, where he remained for twelve years. Afterward he learned the business of land surveyor, which has been his regular occupation since. In the spring of 1897 he and Frank G. Clarke entered into partnership in a general insurance, under the firm name of Frank G. Clarke & Co. Under President Harrison's administration he held the office of Postmaster, and won many friends by his genial good nature and the efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of the position. Mr. Jones cultivates a small farm, and owns besides a large tract of land. In the spring of 1896 he was appointed a member of the Water Commission, which office he still holds. He was Town Treasurer for a number of years and Selectman for a term. Also he is a member of the Library Committee and of the Cemetery Committee, and a trustee of Peterboro Savings Bank. In the Unitarian church he is an active worker. With his large circle of personal friends he is a favorite on account of his genial and kindly temper and an ever-ready willingness to oblige.

**T**HOMAS DINSMORE, a leading farmer of Alstead and a native of this town, was born March 4, 1821, son of Calvin and Lucy (Walker) Dinsmore. His grandfather, Thomas Dinsmore, born in Ireland, of Scotch-Irish lineage, was the first of the name to come to this county, making his way hither by a trail. Thomas was prominent in the community, and lived to be about eighty years old.

Calvin Dinsmore, a native of Alstead, after leaving school learned the blacksmith's trade. He carried on farming and spent his life in Alstead, where he was familiarly known as Uncle Calvin. He was active in town affairs and in all the benevolent and religious move-

ments in the place. A member of the Universalist church, he was one of its leaders and a liberal supporter. He was about seventy-five years old when he died. His wife, Lucy, died at the age of seventy-eight. Their children were: Mary A., Caroline, John, Thomas, Sumner, Willis, Jane, Ellen, Edmund, and Elmira. Mary Anne, now deceased, married Willard Scoville, a farmer of Walpole, this State. Caroline, who was killed in youth by a runaway horse, had been a teacher and a leader in the social and religious circles of the town. John, who lived in Alstead, married Lizzie Spencer, a sister of Mr. Spencer, the wealthy bank president of Boston, and had one son. Sumner died in infancy. Willis who lived in Alstead and took care of his parents, married Elmira Edgerton. Jane married Addison Brooks, a well-known machinist. Ellen married James King, of Acworth, a lumberman, and has one child. Edmund, who also lives at Alstead, married Orrilla Barrett, and is the father of two children—George and Elmira. Elmira, the youngest daughter of Calvin Dinsmore, is now Mrs. Henry Kent, of Alstead.

Mr. Thomas Dinsmore was educated in Alstead and at Marlow Academy. Subsequently he taught school for six years. Then he went to Boston, where in 1848 he obtained employment in a provision store. In 1851 he engaged in business in Quiney Market, where he remained until 1885, when he returned to Alstead, which has since been his residence. His farm is one of the finest in this part of the county. While in Boston, Mr. Dinsmore took an active part in city affairs, and held various offices. He was on the Democratic Ward Committee for eight years, and was in the Common Council for two years from Ward Six. Since coming to Alstead, he has been influential in bringing about many improvements in the place. In 1883 he was elected State Senator. In politics Mr. Dinsmore is a Democrat, and he has the distinction of winning the first Democratic victory gained in this town in fifteen years.

Mr. Dinsmore's wife was before her marriage Mary E. Graham, of Boston, born in November, 1835. Their two children are—

Arthur T. and Mary A. Arthur Dinsmore, born in Boston in 1855, was educated in the grade schools and high school of that city. After graduating from the latter institution, he went into business with his father; and he also ran a hotel at Alstead for some time. He is married, and has one daughter—Agnes, who was born in 1882. Mary A. Dinsmore married Charles Maynard, a hotel man, and lives at Walpole, N.H. She has two children—Maud and Alice.

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**J**OHN HENRY STEELE, Town Clerk of Peterboro for over twenty-five years, was born in this town, July 24, 1845, son of Edwin and Abigail M. (Warren) Steele. His great-grandfather, who was a native of the north of Ireland, emigrated to America when young, and settled in Salisbury, N.C., where he followed the trade of a brick mason.

John Hardy Steele, the grandfather of John Henry, was born in Salisbury, January 4, 1789. As he was left an orphan without resources at an early age, his educational opportunities were necessarily limited. He became a mechanic, and in May, 1811, he settled in Peterboro, N.H. He worked for Captain Morrison at the carriage-maker's trade for a time, and later was employed as a machinist at thirteen dollars per month. After a time he engaged in manufacturing upon his own account. In 1817 he put in operation the first power loom in New Hampshire. In 1824 he began the erection of a cotton-mill in this town, and after its completion he operated it until 1845. He was a Democrat in politics; and his political career, which was in many respects a notable one, was begun in some of the minor town offices. He acted as Moderator at town meetings; was afterward a member of the Board of Selectmen; was a Representative in the legislature in 1829; was a Councillor from the Hillsboro District in 1840 and 1841; and was elected Governor in 1844, and re-elected in 1845. He was a self-made man, and possessed to a high degree the sterling qualities which invariably characterize men of that kind. In religious belief he

was a Unitarian. A well-known Mason, he was the first High Priest of the chapter in Peterboro. Governor Steele died July 3, 1865. He was twice married. By his first marriage, which united him with Jane Moore, there were five children, of whom the survivors are: John, born December 26, 1819; and George, born July 26, 1828. Edwin was the eldest. George Steele married Charlotte Lowe, and has two sons—Chester H. and William L. The second marriage was contracted with Nancy Moore, a sister of the Governor's first wife. Her only son, Charles, who was born January 2, 1834, wedded Mary J. Swan, and reared three children. These were: Anna F., born November 21, 1855; Emma E., born February 28, 1859; and Fred A., born April 22, 1873.

Edwin Steele, John Henry Steele's father, was born in Peterboro, November 12, 1817. For some years he was employed as an overseer in his father's factory. Afterward he worked at the carpenter's trade until his death, which occurred November 10, 1862, at the age of forty-five years. A worthy and useful citizen, he ably served as a member of the Board of Selectmen, and he had the sincere esteem of his fellow-townsmen. His wife, Abigail, who was a native of Dublin, N.H., became the mother of four children, two of whom are living, namely: Jane H., born December 2, 1839, who married Samuel N. Porter, and has one son living, Fred Howard; and John Henry, the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Edwin Steele lived to be sixty-six years old.

John Henry Steele attended school in Peterboro. While still a young man he was apprenticed to the machinist's trade. After working at that calling for some years, he purchased in 1870 the business that he has since carried on with success. He deals in books, stationery, and kindred articles, and as a business man is prominent and active. Politically, he is a Republican, and he has held the office of Town Clerk since 1871.

On November 6, 1867, Mr. Steele was united in marriage with Anna S. Follansbee, daughter of George F. Follansbee, of this town. They have had four children, of whom

there are living: Harry Leon, born August 22, 1872; Kate, born December 28, 1874, now the wife of Arthur M. Emmes, of Gardner, Mass.; and John Dana, born August 12, 1880. Mr. Steele is a past master of Altermount Lodge, No. 26, F. & A. M.; Past D. D. Grand Master of New Hampshire; Past High Priest of Peterboro R. A. Chapter, No. 12; and the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.

**P**ROFESSOR WILLIAM HUTSON CALDWELL, the well-known agriculturist, and the secretary and treasurer of the American Guernsey Cattle Club, is a native of Peterboro, where he now resides. He was born April 16, 1866, son of Samuel H. and Eunice (Buss) Caldwell. His grandfather, Thomas Caldwell, who came from the Bay State, was one of the first settlers of Peterboro, where he reclaimed a farm. Thomas married Eliza Cunningham, of whose children by him two are living. These are: Eliza C., the widow of Augustus Fuller; and Joseph, who resides in Republic, Ia. Samuel Hutson Caldwell, son of Thomas, was born January 15, 1822, at Peterboro. He learned the trade of tinsmith, and was in active business for himself for twenty-five years, doing a large amount of work and being very successful. A prominent member of the Unitarian church, he was the treasurer of the society at the time of his death. In politics he was a Republican, and at one time he was Town Treasurer. Both he and his wife died before their son William was nineteen months old.

William Hutson Caldwell, after attending the town schools for a time, was sent to the famous Allen Brothers' School at West Newton, Mass. From there he entered the Massachusetts Agricultural College in the fall of 1883. He acquitted himself well in college, and, when graduating with the class of 1887, was awarded the first Grinnell prize for excellence in agricultural studies. After graduation he was at once appointed assistant at the Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station. A year later he was appointed instructor in agriculture in the Pennsylvania

State College, and in 1893 was made assistant professor of agriculture in that institution. Having acquired special knowledge of the Guernsey breed of cattle, in which he had been interested from an early date in his professional career, he was appointed superintendent of the Guernsey herd at the Chicago Exposition, and he received leave of absence from his college that he might attend to his duties in that capacity. The Cattle Club also appointed him as their representative on the committee in charge of the dairy breed test. This committee embraced professors from the three leading agricultural colleges in the country.

In 1889 Professor Caldwell purchased Clover Ridge Farm in his native town, and stocked it with Guernsey cattle of the finest strains to be found in the country. The farm has a delightful location, and commands a magnificent mountain view. Of its one hundred and forty acres, twenty acres are timber land, sixty are pasture land abundantly watered with running brooks, and the remainder is tillage. On it is a fine orchard of young trees. The herd consists of butter-bred cows, full-blood and grade Guernseys. These have been selected for their large production of rich milk. Every animal in the herd whose milk is sold has been submitted to the tuberculin test, and is constantly under veterinary inspection. Professor Caldwell has great faith in this breed; and the results he has obtained, as shown by the records of the milk and butter fat tests, have justified his expectations. Some cows of the herd have milked from eighteen to twenty-four quarts a day, and the milk of one cow that was in the World's Fair dairy test yielded four hundred pounds of butter in a year. The morning's milk is sold in the village, and the evening's milk is deprived of its cream by means of the De Laval separator. The calves are raised on the skim-milk. Besides the Guernseys there are choice pens of white and barred Plymouth Rock fowl of the best stock and from noted strains.

When Professor Caldwell was elected secretary and treasurer of the American Guernsey Club in 1894, he resigned his position in

Pennsylvania, and has since made his home at the farm. In his office, which has been fitted up in his residence, two clerks are kept constantly busy assisting him in the work of the club. Here are to be found sketches and statistics regarding all the Guernseys in the country; and from here is issued the *Herd Register and Breeder's Journal*, published quarterly, of which Professor Caldwell has editorial charge. Since taking up his permanent residence in Peterboro, Mr. Caldwell has been brought into closer relation with the agricultural interests of this section, and has made his extensive knowledge and great influence felt in the various organizations. He is an active member of the grange, and treasurer of the Peterboro Creamery Company, and is often called upon to deliver addresses or to write papers upon his chosen line of work.

On December 25, 1888, Professor Caldwell was married to Miss Jessie A. Rice, of North Hadley, Mass. Mrs. Caldwell shares her husband's interest in his calling and is his efficient collaborer in office work. Professor Caldwell is a Mason of Peterboro Lodge and a member of the United Order of the Golden Cross. He is connected with the Unitarian Society, and is at present clerk of the corporation.



LIVER KING was a prominent resident of Alstead for a number of years. He was born in Langdon, August 3,

1807, son of William and Betsey (Darby) King. William was the first of the name to settle in this section of the county. He was a successful farmer, and he was generally esteemed. He attended the Universalist church, and was always ready to support it, both morally and financially. His ten children were: William, Hezekiah, Russel, Oliver, Joel, Harvey, Hiram, Samuel, Betsey, and George. William, the first child, married, had a family of twelve children, and carried on a farm in Alstead. Hezekiah, who was also a farmer, died in Newbury, Vt. Russel, likewise a farmer, lived in Haverhill, N.H., where he married, and reared a family. Joel died young. Harvey lived in Detroit,

Mich., where he was proprietor of the Brighton House, a well-known hotel. He was four times married. Hiram was a farmer of Acworth, this State, and had two children. Samuel, a carpenter, resided in Langdon, and was the father of four children. Betsey married a Mr. Evans; and George was a shoemaker of Brookline, Mass., and the father of two children.

Oliver King received the fundamentals of a practical education in the schools of his native town. After leaving school, he went to Boston, where he undertook contracts for driving wells. He then returned to New Hampshire, built a block, and then ran a general store at Charlestown for over twenty-five years. In company with Mr. Frank Hadley, he conducted a store in Bellows Falls, Vt., for eight years. In 1867 he came to Alstead and built a handsome house, and there resided until his death in 1874. He was active as a citizen, always ready to help along in any good cause, and ever mindful of the comfort and convenience of others. While at Charlestown he was the Postmaster, in which capacity, by his kindly and obliging manners, he won many friends. In Alstead he served as Town Treasurer for a number of years. He attended the Universalist church, and was a liberal contributor to its many charities.

Mr. King married Sophia Evans, a daughter of Eli and Sarah (Edson) Evans, of Rockingham, Vt. Her mother was born in Springfield, Vt. Mr. and Mrs. King had two children—Ellen S. and James F. James, born August 25, 1838, died September 21, 1849. Ellen S., born August 17, 1834, at South Charlestown, married James Milliken, Jr., of Charlestown, a farmer on an extensive scale and a prominent man in the town. Their three children are: Mary M., born May 11, 1855; George K., born September 4, 1857, who is a member of the Masonic society; and James F., born November 13, 1860, who was also a Mason as well as a Knight of Pythias. James F. Milliken was employed in a store in Colorado, where he died of consumption in February, 1897. He was buried under Masonic auspices. Mary M., only daughter of James Milliken, Jr., married James Hooper, of

Charlestown, N.H., now a grain merchant in Chicago, doing a prosperous and extensive business. They have three children, namely: Rena A., born September 16, 1882; James M., born April 16, 1884; and Frances, born September 18, 1891. George K. Milliken is superintendent of telephones in Chicago. He married Lucy Wilson, of Charlestown, Mass., who was born August 10, 1859. Her paternal grandfather was a soldier in the Revolution.

**W**ILLIAM A. KNIGHT, one of the most enterprising among the younger generation of farmers in Peterboro, was born in Hancock, N.H., September 10, 1862, son of Deacon Henry and Ellen B. (Warren) Knight. The first of the family of whom there is any authentic knowledge was Benjamin Knight, a resident of Salem, Mass., who was the father of three sons. Enos Knight, son of Benjamin, born in Salem in 1730, who settled in Topsfield, Mass., was three times married. His first wife, Lois Hawkes Knight, was the mother of ten children. His second marriage was contracted with Mrs. Mary Estabrook. His son, Enos (second), the great-grandfather of William A., was born in Topsfield, September 30, 1752. This Enos was a blacksmith, and in 1782 he settled in Hancock, N.H., where he followed his trade in connection with farming until his death, which occurred June 24, 1824. By his first union, contracted with Dorcas Noonan, there were five children. On the second occasion Mrs. Betsey Winslow Holt, of Deering, N.H., became his wife.

Deacon Aaron Knight, the second child of the second Enos by his wife, Dorcas, was born in New Ipswich, N.H., in 1781. In his day he was one of the stirring farmers of Hancock, where he resided for the greater part of his life. He married Rebecca Adams, who was born November 15, 1782. Of her eleven children by him, Henry, the youngest, is the only one living. Deacon Knight died September 29, 1867, and his wife on February 3, 1854. They were prominent members of the Congregational church.

Deacon Henry Knight was born in Han-

cock, January 11, 1826. He acquired his education in a common school and at an academy. He had perfected his plans for the study of medicine, but was obliged to abandon them in order to care for his aged parents. For some years he taught school when not busy with his farm duties, and he resided in Hancock until after his father's death. In 1868 he moved to Weathersfield, Vt., where he remained a year. Then he spent eight years in Franconia, N.H., where he had charge of the fruit and vegetable farm connected with the Profile House. From Franconia he came to Peterboro. Here, in company with his son, he is now carrying on one of the most productive farms in the town. He has been a prominent figure in public affairs, having served as Selectman, Moderator, and Overseer of the Poor, and as a member of the School Board in Hancock. He was on the School Committee for some years, and served in the capacity of Representative to the legislature from Peterboro. He is a Deacon of the Congregational church and one of the most active church workers in this locality. His wife, Ellen, a native of Weathersfield, Vt., whom he married September 27, 1853, became the mother of seven children. These were: Charles H., born July 10, 1854, who wedded Mattie Titus, of Haverhill, N.H., and has three children — Kathleen C., Lucile A., and Christel W.; Edmund W., born March 12, 1858; Fred A., born July 16, 1860, who died April 11, 1880; William A., the subject of this sketch; Mary E., born July 12, 1865; Ella K., born November 18, 1867, who is now the wife of Richard L. Hallett, of Reading, Mass., and has one son, Howell K.; and Anna M., born April 20, 1872, who died May 4, 1883. The mother died January 20, 1879.

William A. Knight was educated in Peterboro. Since leaving school he has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. In company with his father he carries on general farming and dairying, and has a paying milk route in this town. He displays the energy and progressive tendencies of a young man, which, aided by his father's long experience, insure the best of management; and their

combined efforts are attended with excellent results.

On November 9, 1887, Mr. Knight was joined in marriage with Minnie M. Emery, daughter of Daniel and Clara A. (Wilkins) Emery, of Peterboro. In politics, Mr. Knight is a Republican. Both he and his wife belong to the local grange, of which he is a Past Master. Mrs. Knight is a member of the Congregational church.

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**R**OBERT LAWRENCE SHIRLEY, an enterprising young farmer of Goffstown, was born on Shirley Hill, May 12, 1868, son of Colonel Edward Carlton and Amanda M. (Baldwin) Shirley. James Shirley, from whom the New Hampshire Shirleys are descended, is supposed to have been born in the Province of Ulster, Ireland, in 1649. It is also thought that James may have been born in Scotland, and that, with his parents, he may have been among those exiled from Scotland in 1660. He came to America, arriving in Chester, Rockingham County, N.H., in 1730. Then eighty-one years of age, he brought with him a full-grown family, including three sons — John, James, and Thomas — and was afterward engaged in farming, and is said to have lived to the age of one hundred and five years. His son Thomas, who was known as Deacon Thomas Shirley, born in Ireland in 1728, died in Goffstown in 1808. Thomas was prominent in church affairs, and, as already intimated, held the office of Deacon. James, a son of Thomas, was born in Chester, N.H., in 1759, and died in Goffstown, March 31, 1855. He was one of the first settlers of Shirley Hill, coming here in 1811. The first of his two marriages was made with Mary Moore, daughter of Colonel Daniel Moore, who was an officer in the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Abigail McCutchins became his second wife.

Robert M. Shirley, the seventh son of James and the grandfather of Robert L. Shirley, born in Chester, June 5, 1808, came to Goffstown when three years old. In addition to being a prominent farmer and business

man, he won quite a reputation for his skill in curing the disease then called king's evil. For his first wife he married Sophia McCutchins, who was born April 15, 1805, and died December 6, 1870. His second wife was Lucretia Houston, whose birth occurred July 20, 1820. There were four children by his first marriage, Edward Carlton being the third. Edward was born December 5, 1834, in the house which is now his home. During his active period he was extensively engaged in lumbering, and he has still an interest in a large amount of land. When P. C. Cheney was Governor of New Hampshire, he served as Aide-de-camp with the rank of Colonel, by which title he has since been known. On New Hampshire Day at the Centennial held in Philadelphia he was officer of the day. He was also Assistant Quartermaster on the staff of Brigadier-general Clough, of the New Hampshire National Guards. He is a member of the New Hampshire Agricultural Society and of Piscataquis Valley Agricultural Association. Colonel Shirley's marriage to Miss Amanda M. Baldwin took place April 24, 1862. She is a daughter of Deacon Nahum Baldwin, of Manchester, N.H. The three children of the union are: Mary V., born in 1863, now the wife of Dr. A. G. Griffin, of Malden, Mass.; Robert Lawrence, the subject of this sketch; and Florence S. Shirley, born February 22, 1871.

Robert Lawrence Shirley spent his early years here in Goffstown. He received his education in the schools of Goffstown and in Manchester and at Colby Academy, New London. Soon after leaving the academy, he went West, and for two years was engaged in farming in Union County, Oregon. Then after visiting the different States along the western coast he returned in 1891 to Goffstown. Since then he has been engaged in lumbering and general farming, and now has the supervision of some six hundred acres of land owned by himself and his father. On February 1, 1892, Mr. Shirley married Miss Bertha M. Shields. She was born in Everett, Mass., February 22, 1874, daughter of Joseph and Clara E. (Wellington) Shields. Mr. and Mrs. Shirley have one son, Thomas E., born

February 10, 1896. Mr. Shirley is a Republican in his political relations. For the past three years he has served on the Board of Selectmen. He belongs to Webster Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Goffstown. Both he and Mrs. Shirley are liberals in religion.

**T**HOMAS HAYS, a well-known resident of Greenville, was born in New Ipswich, N.H., February 5, 1820, son of Thomas and Abigail (Wilkins) Hays. He is the fifth bearer of the name Thomas and a direct descendant of the first Thomas, who was of Scotch descent. The latter was quite an extensive land-owner in Reading, Mass., and one of the largest farmers of that town. Thomas Hays (second), great-grandfather of the present Thomas, born February 14, 1724, was a prosperous farmer in Merrimac, N.H. He wedded Mary Gale, and had a family of seven children, of whom Thomas (third), the grandfather, was the eldest son. The grandfather, who was a cooper by trade, tilled the soil of a good farm in Dublin, N.H. The greater part of his life was spent in that town. At his death he was seventy-nine years old. He married Rebecca Pool, a native of Hollis, N.H., and one of eleven sisters, all of whom attained maturity and had families. She became the mother of five children, none of whom are living, and attained the age of eighty-eight years. Thomas Hays (fourth), was born in Dublin, N.H. When a young man he became a clothier. He finally settled in Maine, where he was engaged in business for many years. His last days were passed in Wilton, Me. He was a man of considerable prominence in public affairs, serving as Moderator at town meetings for a number of years, and he acted as a Justice of the Peace. In politics he was a Republican. He lived to be eighty-two years old. His wife, Abigail, who was a daughter of David Wilkins, of New Ipswich, N.H., became the mother of seven children, of whom Thomas, Mary, Silas, and Caroline A. are living. Mary wedded for her first husband Andrew Pray, and by that union has one son, George H. She is now the wife of Warner

Russell, of Mason, N.H. Caroline A. is the wife of Harris H. Shumway, of Massachusetts. The mother died at the age of thirty-three years. She was a member of the Congregational church.

After obtaining his elementary education in the common schools of Maine, the present Thomas Hays completed his studies at the academy in Pittsfield, N.H. Having learned the carpenter's trade in Dublin, he took up his residence in Mason in 1843, and there steadily worked at his calling for many years. In 1870 he erected the house he now occupies in Greenville. He still continues to follow his trade at intervals. Mr. Hays contracted the first of two marriages on April 7, 1840, with Lucy N. Robbins. Of her four children three are living, namely: Lucy Jane, Lafayette A., and George A. Lucy Jane married for her first husband Charles W. Russell, and by that union has two daughters—Nettie M. and Clara. For her second husband she married James Wooley, of Greenville. Lafayette married Mrs. Ellen Finn, of Manchester, N.H. George A. married Miss Mary Welch, of Providence, R.I., and has one son, John H. The mother died at the age of sixty years. On October 16, 1870, Mr. Hays entered his second marriage with Mrs. Julia A. Sawtelle Shattuck. She is a daughter of Kingsley and Thankful Sawtelle, of this State, and by her first husband, Ami Shattuck, of Mason, she has one son, George Edwin Shattuck. George E. Shattuck married Caroline M. Locke, of Lowell, Mass., and has one son, Henry P. In politics Mr. Hays is a Republican. He has served as a Selectman for a number of years, was formerly a member of the School Committee, and has long been recognized as a leading spirit in local public affairs. He is a Congregationalist in his religious belief, and Mrs. Hays is a Baptist.

**E**ZRA M. SMITH, a retired lawyer of Peterboro and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Langdon, N.H., January 25, 1838, son of Orrin and Marinda (Patridge) Smith. His grandfather, Ezra Smith, who was born

in Winchendon, Mass., September 13, 1778, settled in Langdon, N.H., and cleared a farm, which he occupied for the rest of his life. Ezra possessed much muscular bodily strength and a vigorous constitution, and was capable of considerable physical endurance. In politics he was a Whig and in his religious views a Congregationalist. His death occurred July 14, 1864. He married Hannah Henry, who, born in Vermont, August 10, 1779, died June 25, 1850. She was the mother of five children, none of whom are living.

Orrin Smith, father of Ezra M., was born one of twins in Langdon, November 11, 1807. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and resided at the homestead for some years after attaining his majority. In 1862 he came to Peterboro, and purchased a farm, which he cultivated with energy during the rest of his active period. He died August 6, 1883. Originally a Whig in politics, he later became a Republican. His wife, Marinda, whom he married June 9, 1836, was also one of twins. Her father was Sylvester Patridge, of Alstead, N.H. She became the mother of seven children, six of whom are living, namely: Ezra M., the subject of this sketch; Irving H., born February 3, 1840; Albert O., born May 1, 1845; Silas M., born February 21, 1847; Emma R., born December 5, 1850; and Alden E., born April 25, 1853. Irving H. married Clara L. Grey, of Peterboro, and has one daughter, Clara M.; Albert O. married Josie R. Hovey, of this town, and has one daughter, Lenora; Silas M. wedded Marinda K. Parker, of Peterboro; Alden E. married Aldana C. Andrews, of Westboro, Mass., and has one daughter, Morgie A. The mother died December 19, 1886. Both parents attended the Congregational church, of which the mother was a member.

Ezra M. Smith acquired his early education in Langdon, and was fitted for college at the Cold River Union Academy in Alstead. He subsequently attended the law department of the University of Albany, New York, and was graduated February 22, 1861. Settling in Peterboro soon after, he began the practice of his profession, and rapidly acquired a large

general law business. After following his profession for over thirty years, he retired in 1896. He is now passing his time in superintending his farm, which contains one hundred acres. He also owns another tract of two hundred and twenty acres. In politics he supports the Republican party, and he was prominent in public affairs for many years. He served upon the School Committee for five years, was Town Treasurer for one term, and has been Moderator at town meetings for a number of years. For the past four years he has served as Selectman, having been previously a member of that body for nine years in succession, during which he was chairman for a time. He was elected to the legislature in 1871 and 1872, and he was a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1876.

On October 4, 1866, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Mary S. Fairbanks. She was born in Dublin, N.H., February 13, 1845, daughter of Moses A. Fairbanks. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had three children, as follows: Etta M., born December 2, 1870; Harlan B., born March 9, 1874, who died November 21, 1892; and Orrin F., born June 28, 1886. Mr. Smith has occupied the principal chairs in Peterboro Lodge, I. O. O. F., and is now a member of the Board of Trustees. He is also a member of the Knights of Honor, the Sons of Temperance, and the Patrons of Husbandry. In the local grange he has been Master. He is a member of the Congregational church, of which he was formerly clerk. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Baptist church.

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**A**LBERT M. HOWARD, formerly a prosperous box manufacturer of Winchester, Cheshire County, and a member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Royalston, Mass., May 3, 1836, and died April 1, 1892. He was a son of Ansel and Esther Howard. His father, who settled in Royalston when a young man, after residing there for many years moved to Hinsdale, where he was engaged in the lumber business until his death. Ansel Howard became the father of eleven

children, of whom Albert M., the subject of this sketch, was the tenth-born.

Albert M. Howard was educated in Royalston, and when a young man assisted his father in business. He later entered the employ of his brother, who was carrying on a bobbin manufactory in Hinsdale. About 1870 he purchased the box factory in Winchester then conducted by Charles W. Scott. He was at first associated with a partner, the firm being known as Howard & Chandler; but in 1873 Mr. Howard secured the entire control of the business by purchasing his partner's interest, and subsequently continued it alone. He manufactured all kinds of wooden boxes, including the lock corner box, much used for packing confectionery and fancy goods; and he also had facilities for lettering his goods. He was a trustee of the Winchester Savings Bank, and was one of the incorporators of the Electric Light Heat and Power Company. He was prominent in business circles, and was instrumental in causing the tannery to be located in Winchester. Politically, he acted with the Republican party, but the only public office he was ever induced to accept was that of Representative to the legislature, to which he was elected, and the duties of which he capably performed for one term. He was a liberal supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Howard married Louise M. Turner, of Oxford, N.H., who survived her husband but a short time, dying September 12, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Howard were the parents of one daughter, Minnie Lillian, who married Alexander Pierce, son of Dr. G. W. Pierce, of this town. Her husband now conducts the business so long controlled by the late Mr. Howard, under the name of the A. M. Howard Estate.

**A**LMON TWITCHELL, a general farmer of Richmond, Cheshire County, and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, November 2, 1844, son of Abner and Adeline (Aldrich) Twitchell. His great-grandfather, Abner Twitchell, who was born in Walpole in

December, 1753, moved from that town to Richmond, where he married his first wife, Sarah Cass. She died leaving one son, Daniel, and by his second union there were two children — Lucy and Sarah.

Daniel Twitchell, Almon Twitchell's grandfather, was born in Richmond, November 26, 1779. He was brought up to till the soil, and carried on general farming during the greater part of his life. His wife, whose name in maidenhood was Rhoda Kelton, was a daughter of Thomas Kelton, of Warwick, Mass. She became the mother of five children, namely: Jonas, who was born August 8, 1802; Abner; Duleena, who was born November 24, 1817, and married Henry B. Swan; Rhoda, who was born in August, 1820, and became the wife of David Martin; and Daniel, who was born May 28, 1823.

Abner Twitchell, father of Almon, was born in Richmond, May 4, 1813. He lived with his parents until his marriage, when he bought the Captain Crooker farm of one hundred and forty acres, and resided there until his death, which occurred February 9, 1869. In politics he was a Democrat, and he represented his district in the legislature during two terms. In his religious opinions he was a Universalist. He married Adeline Aldrich, daughter of Levin Aldrich, and by her had two children, namely: Adalette V., who married L. W. Wright, and resides in Winchester, N.H.; and Almon, the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Abner Twitchell is still living and resides with her son.

Almon Twitchell, who was educated in the schools of his native town, after finishing his studies served an apprenticeship at the stone-cutter's trade in Worcester, Mass. Three years later he returned to Richmond for the purpose of taking charge of the home farm, and since the death of his father he has followed general farming in connection with his trade. In politics he is a Democrat, and, although his party is in the minority, he was a member of the Board of Selectmen from 1879 to 1893 with the exception of one year, was chairman of that body ten years, served as Road Commissioner three years, was elected Town Clerk in 1886 and again in 1897, has

served on the Democratic Town Committee in different capacities, and represented his district in the legislature in 1874. He has acted as a Justice of the Peace, and attended to the settlement of estates. He is a member of the local grange, of which he was one of the organizers and first Master, and is also connected with the Order of the Golden Cross.

Mr. Twitchell married November 28, 1871, Sarah H. Starkey, daughter of Edison Starkey, of Richmond. Mrs. Twitchell's father was prominent in public affairs, serving as Selectman a number of years, as Tax Collector, and as a member of the legislature.

**E**NOCH C. PAIGE, an enterprising manufacturer of Antrim, and a Civil War veteran, was born in this town, October 20, 1839, son of Tristram B. and Sophronia (Duncan) Paige. His grandfather, Jonathan Paige, who was a carpenter by trade, resided in Deering, N.H., for many years, and passed his last days in Antrim.

Tristram B. Paige, who was a native of Deering, learned the carpenter's trade with his father. He settled in Antrim, where he followed that calling until his death, which occurred when he was fifty-one years old. His wife, Sophronia, was a daughter of Deacon Josiah Duncan, of Antrim. She became the mother of five children, two of whom are living, namely: Tristram M., who married Lizzie Whittemore, of Salisbury, N.H.; and Enoch C., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Tristram B. Paige died at the age of thirty-six years.

Enoch C. Paige attended school in his native town. Left an orphan when he was nine years old, he was obliged to earn his living at an early age. At first he worked as a farm hand for some time. Later he engaged in the manufacture of cribs and cradles. When eighteen years old he had already begun to ship his goods to Boston. He continued in the business until August 13, 1862, when he enlisted in Company G, Ninth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Civil War. At a later date he was detached and appointed to a position upon

the staff of General Griffin. He was present at several battles, and his last active duty was performed at Jackson, Miss. He was discharged December 18, 1863, on account of ill health. After recovering his strength he resumed his former occupation, and has since become well known to the trade as a manufacturer of cribs and cradles of a durable as well as of a superior quality. Politically, he is a Republican. He served with ability as a Selectman for four years, and he was a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives during the years 1882 and 1883.

Mr. Paige has been twice married. On February 21, 1861, he was united in marriage with Hattie E. Parmenter, daughter of George F. Parmenter, of Antrim. She died at the age of thirty-seven years, leaving three children, as follows: Clara E., born July 30, 1862; Bert, born March 3, 1865; and Morton, born July 15, 1867. Clara E. is the wife of Charles P. Bryant, of Francestown, N.H., and has four children — Pearl, Bessie, Annie, and Robert. Bert married Grace E. Wilson, of Bennington, N.H., and had four children, of whom an infant survives. Morton wedded Emma F. Twitchell, of Bennington, and has two children — Ruth M. and Howard E. Mr. Paige's present wife, whom he wedded February 12, 1880, was before marriage Celia Elizabeth Flemming, of Bennington. By this union there is one son, Paul F., born April 13, 1890.

Mr. Paige is connected with the Masonic fraternity, and has held the principal offices of Ephraim Weston Post, No. 87, G. A. R. He is a self-made man, and the energy and perseverance he has displayed in working his way forward to prominence in the business circles of this locality are deserving of much credit. He has been an Elder of the Presbyterian church for the past twenty years, and Mrs. Paige is a member.

**J**AMES U. PRINCE, of Amherst, one of the best known agriculturists of Hillsboro County, was born here, August 30, 1828, son of James and Mary (Upham) Prince. Lieutenant Joseph Prince,



JAMES U. PRINCE



his great-grandfather, who was of English birth, and held his commission as Lieutenant under King George, having received from the king the grant of a large tract of land extending through Amherst, Mont Vernon, and Bedford, came to this country, and settled on the portion of his grant lying in Amherst. He was a man of influence, and took a leading part in the affairs of the town. During the Indian hostilities he assisted in building temporary block-houses. His son, Abel Prince, who was born in Amherst, fought in the Revolutionary War. James, who was a son of Abel, spent his entire life here. He died in the fifty-ninth year of his age. From both father and grandfather he inherited a military spirit, and was for a time an officer in a company of militia. His marriage with Mary Upham was blessed by the birth of five children, of whom James U. and Lois are living. Lois is the wife of S. T. Jones, of Kasson, Minn. The mother died April 4, 1837, aged thirty-eight.

James U. Prince attended the district school and a private school for a short time. He lived on the homestead until middle life. As his father was for a number of years an invalid, much responsibility devolved upon him. In Amherst village, when about forty years old, he went into the stove and tinware business, and carried it on for a short time. It was shortly after that he went to California on a business trip, going and returning via the Isthmus route. Subsequently in Manchester, N.H., he was the general agent of a New York nursery company for three years. He then returned to his farm here in Amherst. This place, containing about two hundred acres of land, and which is a part of the royal grant to Lieutenant Joseph Prince, has never been out of the possession of the Prince family.

On October 24, 1850, Mr. Prince married Miss Louisa J. Osgood. They are the parents of five children, of whom Wilder J. and Lilla M. are living. Lilla is the wife of the Rev. Edwin Ellis, of the Presbyterian church, who is now State superintendent of Sabbath-schools in Montana, with headquarters at Helena. Mr. Prince served for four years

very acceptably as Selectman. He has a wide influence in the grange societies of this section. A charter member of Souhegan Grange, he was its first Master. He was also the first Master of Pomona Grange, Hillsboro County, No. 1, of which he was one of the organizers. When the State grange was organized, he was elected an officer and a member of the Executive Committee. In the days of the old Hillsboro County Agricultural Society he was at one time its president. He is a director of the Grange State Fair held at Tilton, N.H., and is also a member of the New Hampshire State Horticultural Society. When the town of Amherst held its centennial celebration, at which Horace Greeley delivered the oration, Mr. Prince served as marshal. At the old Hillsboro County agricultural fairs, held at Milford, he served as marshal and assistant marshal, and was chief marshal when the Amherst soldiers' monument was dedicated. He is a regular attendant of the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Prince is a member.

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**E**DWARD A. TURNER, formerly a well-known and highly respected resident of Alstead, was born here, March 6, 1846, son of John G. and Maria (Cobb) Turner. The Turners originated with three brothers, who came from England. The grandfather of Edward A. Turner was John, born in Mansfield, Mass. He spent the most of his life in Walpole, N.H., and died in Alstead in 1860, being the first of the line to come to this town. His wife, Sibyl Gordon Turner, a native of Massachusetts, bore him six children.

John Turner, son of the preceding John and the father of Edward A., born in Walpole in August, 1810, came to Alstead in 1844. He was a stage driver for years, in which occupation he gained an extensive acquaintance, and made many friends. In the later part of his life he was engaged in farming. He successively married Maria Cobb and Ruth Messer. By the first marriage there were three children—William, Edward A., and Edwin O., the last two being twins.

William died at the age of five and Edwin at the age of four years.

Edward A. Turner received his early education in the schools of his native town. After leaving school he obtained employment in a store as clerk, first in Alstead and later in Bellows Falls, Vt. He afterward owned and conducted a grocery store in Bellows Falls for many years, after which failing health obliged him to give it up. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen for a number of years, and was many times the chairman of that body. He was also Town Treasurer for several years, and fulfilled the duties of that responsible position with rare fidelity and efficiency. Under President Cleveland's administration he was Postmaster for four years, and in 1882-83 he was a member of the State legislature, where he served on the Committee on Agriculture. In politics Mr. Turner was a Democrat. He died June 22, 1891, of heart disease, while working on the books in the Selectmen's office, and was buried with Masonic rites. In religious belief Mr. Turner was a Universalist.

Mrs. Olive A. Turner was born in Chesterfield, January 15, 1844, daughter of Alfred and Emily (Farr) Chamberlain, of Chesterfield. Her father, a farmer, who was born October 14, 1806, died in November, 1880. Her mother, born April 25, 1815, is now living with Mrs. Turner. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Turner are: Mabel, Edwin O., and Lucia E. F. Mabel, born November 1, 1870, is the wife of Charles E. Murdough, a clerk in a store of Alstead; Lucia E. F., born December 18, 1878, is attending school in Springfield, Mass.; Edwin O. is a clerk in a store of Holyoke, Mass.

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**A**NSON SWETT, the efficient Postmaster of Antrim, Hillsboro County, was born in Windsor, N.H., February 2, 1845, son of Daniel and Roxy (Boutelle) Swett. His paternal grandfather was Samuel Swett, a native of Portsmouth, N.H. He, Samuel, was a pioneer settler in Windsor, where he cleared a good farm. He followed agricultural pursuits

during his active period, attaining a fair measure of success; and he lived to be eighty-two years old. In politics he was originally a Whig and in later years a Democrat. He married Mary Dresser, and she reared four children, of whom Daniel was the second-born, but of whom none are now living.

Daniel Swett, father of Anson, was a native of Windsor. In 1857 he settled upon a farm in Antrim, where he resided for the rest of his life, and where he was known as an industrious and successful general farmer. He died in 1895. His wife, Roxy Boutelle Swett, who was a daughter of Chandler B. Boutelle, of Antrim, became the mother of four children, of whom three are living, namely: Martha; Anson, the subject of this sketch; and Martin. Martha is the wife of Charles D. Sawyer, of Antrim, N.H. Martin wedded Emma Hammell, of Peterboro, N.H., and has one son, Frank. Mrs. Daniel Swett died in 1876. She was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Anson Swett began his education in Windsor, and, accompanying his parents to Antrim when he was twelve years old, completed his studies in the schools of this town. When a young man, he entered the employ of Charles Holman, of Nashua, for whom he worked as travelling salesman for twelve years, subsequently returning to Antrim, where he has since remained. Politically, he supports the Democratic party, and he has held the office of Postmaster since 1894. He has taken a prominent part in local public affairs, having served upon the School Committee seven years, as Tax Collector three years, and having been elected to the Board of Selectmen for four terms. His services have proved beneficial to the town, and the capable manner in which he has discharged his official duties has gained for him a high place in the estimation of his fellow-townsmen.

On March 15, 1877, Mr. Swett was united in marriage with Miss Alice C. Wilkins, daughter of Charles H. Wilkins, of New Boston. Mrs. Swett is the mother of three children: Susie G., born March 8, 1882; Archie M., born May 30, 1886; and Mary G., born April 10, 1888. Mr. Swett is connected with the

Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and Mrs. Swett are members of the Presbyterian church.

**J**OHN H. COGGIN, a prominent farmer and dairyman of Amherst, who has been identified with the agricultural interests of Hillsboro County for more than twoscore years, was born March 10, 1838, in New Boston, N.H., son of Luther and Mary (Harwood) Coggin. The Coggin family was first represented in this section of New Hampshire by Joseph Coggin, Sr., the great-grandfather of John H. Joseph located in Mont Vernon at a very early period in its settlement. His son, also named Joseph, was the grandfather of John H.

Luther Coggin, who was born in Mont Vernon, lived in the place of his birth until after his marriage. Removing then to New Boston, he was there engaged in farming for twenty years. At the end of that period he came to Amherst and bought the property now owned by his son, John H. Here he was afterward busily employed in mixed husbandry until his death on January 18, 1877. In politics he was a Whig in his earlier years, and after the formation of the Republican party he was one of its most loyal adherents.

John H. Coggin is the only surviving member of his parents' family. He received his early education in the common schools of New Boston and Amherst, and on his father's farm acquired a practical knowledge of agriculture. In August, 1862, he enlisted for the Civil War in Company A, Fourteenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and was first assigned to garrison duty in Washington, D.C. Ten months later, with his regiment, he took part in the Red River expedition, commanded by General N. P. Banks, and was afterward with General Butler in the James River campaign. Subsequently he served under Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley and actively participated in the battles of Winchester, Fisher's Hill, and Cedar Creek. After receiving his honorable discharge from the service in August, 1865, he returned to Amherst, where he has since been successfully engaged in till-

ing the soil. His farm contains one hundred acres. In addition to carrying on general farming he makes a specialty of producing milk, having a valuable and profitable dairy. He is well known and esteemed throughout the district for his strict integrity and honorable dealing. During one term Mr. Coggin represented Amherst in the State legislature, and for four years he was Selectman of the town, serving for a part of the time as the chairman of the Board. Politically, he is a strong Republican. At present he is a Justice of the Peace for the State of New Hampshire. A comrade of C. H. Phelps Post, No. 43, G. A. R., he has been Vice-Commander.

Mr. Coggin was first married April 9, 1866, to Miss Harriet N. Secomb, a daughter of Daniel Secomb, of Amherst. She died January 8, 1882, leaving two children—Frederick L. and George W. Mr. Coggin subsequently married Mrs. Dell Seavey, daughter of Thomas Wade, a native of Plattsburg, N.Y., and the widow of the late Benjamin F. Seavey, of Moore's, N.Y. Mr. Seavey was a soldier in the late war, and died after a month's service. Mr. and Mrs. Coggin are members of the Congregational church.

**A**NDREW MORRISON, a prominent and influential resident of Alstead, was born in this town, December 9, 1835, son of Samuel and Eliza (Buss) Morrison. His grandfather, Samuel Morrison, born in Hancock, N.H., came when a young man to Alstead, where he was engaged in making the woodwork of ploughs. Samuel was an active and enterprising man and a leader in local affairs. He had a family of six children: namely, Betsey, Samuel, Benjamin F., Dexter, Sally, and Andrew.

Samuel Morrison (second), the father of Andrew Morrison, was born in Alstead, August 24, 1807, and died November 26, 1886. Of a mechanical turn, he learned a number of trades. He was a carpenter, a maker of pumps and of yokes for oxen, also a mover of buildings, an excellent layer of stone walls, and a farmer. He took an active part in local polities, and served in the legislatures of

1852, 1853, and 1854. He attended the Methodist church. Warm-hearted and generous, he was always ready to do a good turn for any man. His wife, Eliza, who was born in July, 1810, daughter of David and Annie (Jones) Buss, of Marlow, died November 24, 1886. She was the mother of three boys—Andrew, George D., and Milan D., all natives of Alstead. George D., born September 23, 1838, lives in Marlow, is a farmer, and also works at the different trades in which his father was so skilful. He married Annie Knights, but has no children. Milan D., born October 28, 1843, lives in Carthage, Me., and has six children.

Andrew Morrison was educated in the common schools of his native town. Then he went to work with his father, learning most of his trades, and becoming a skilled workman. When about twenty-five years of age, he bought the farm which is now his home. Since then he has bought a number of farms, which he has traded. He is also a broker and money-lender. Keen in business transactions, he has been quite successful, and has acquired a handsome fortune. He has been Selectman a number of times. He was also Road Agent, and at other times he held most of the minor offices of the town.

Mr. Morrison married Julia V., who was born August 4, 1837, daughter of Nelson Kidder. One daughter, Jennie E., born March 24, 1862, died June 15, 1877. Nettie S., born January 18, 1865, is now Mrs. Clinton Gates, of Alstead.

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**G**EORGE HARLON PAGE WARE has been for forty years the blacksmith of Alstead. Born November 28, 1836, in the town of Aeworth, he is a son of Joseph and Susan (Nichols) Ware. His grandfather, Joseph Ware, Sr., who lived at Winchester, N.H., of which place he was one of the early settlers, had, so far as is known, but one child, the father of George H. P. Ware.

Joseph Ware, who was born in Winchester in 1784, went to Aeworth, lived there for the greater part of his life, and died in 1848.

Besides working at his trade of blacksmith, he carried on farming to some extent. He was a devoutly religious man and a Deacon of the Orthodox church. His wife, Susan, who was a native of Billerica, Mass., bore him eight children, three of whom died in infancy. Susan, Joseph, Pamelia, Hannah, and George H. P. attained maturity. Susan married Isaac Kent, who was for many years a well-known hotel man of Alstead, and had four children—Elisha, May, Ellen, and Samuel; Joseph Ware, a farmer of Aeworth, married and had one daughter, Abbie; Pamelia married Anthony Walker, of Nashua, N.H., and had a family of four children; Hannah became Mrs. Henry King, of Boston, and had two sons.

George H. P. Ware received his early education in the public schools of Aeworth. After leaving school he learned the blacksmith's trade with his wife's father in Alstead. Since then he has been a resident of Alstead. By his genial manners and his willingness to oblige he has made many friends in this section. He takes an interest in public affairs and is often heard from at town meetings. He has never, however, aspired to hold office. He attends the Congregational church. Mr. Ware married Susan Adelaide Spencer, who was born February 6, 1844, the daughter of James and Susan (McCrae) Spencer. Mr. Spencer, who was born May 21, 1819, died February 18, 1883. Mrs. Ware died on September 19, 1887, having been the mother of three children—Frances A., James Walton, and Bertha Eleanor. Frances A., born in Keene, February 2, 1870, married Charles F. Pierce, of Alstead. James W., born August 24, 1873, is the clerk at the Commercial House in Bellows Falls, Vt. Bertha Eleanor, born September 12, 1877, is at home with her father and grandmother.

Mr. Ware is something of an antiquary and collector. He has a fine collection of rare old coins, besides a cabinet of stuffed birds, mounted by himself. Much originality is shown in the many odd and beautiful picture frames he has manufactured from glass, broken china, crockery, shells, buttons, and various

other materials, which it would seem to be impossible to work with. His lawns are perhaps the most original and artistic of any in the State, considering their size. They are arranged with various kinds of ornamental work, and show great taste and skill.

**G**EORGE ALFRED COCHRAN, a highly esteemed resident of Antrim and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, December 8, 1835, son of Ira and Clarissa (Taylor) Cochran. His great-grandfather, Isaac Cochran, was a native of that part of Londonderry which is now the town of Windham. When fifteen years old, Isaac joined the Continental army as a drummer boy, and was afterward promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. In 1784 he settled in Antrim, and acquired possession of the farm upon which his great-grandson now resides. In the following year he erected the first two-story house in Antrim, which served as a dwelling until 1864, when it was replaced by the present residence. The old elm-trees now standing upon the lawn were also set out by him. He built a grist-mill in 1786, and was engaged in conducting it and in farming for the rest of his life. When he was eighteen years old he was elected Constable, and he served as a Selectman and as Moderator for a number of years. He was an unusually large man, weighing over three hundred pounds. Besides his many commendable qualities as a citizen, he acquired considerable local reputation as a poet. His religious belief was the Presbyterian, and he acted as Deacon of that church for many years. He married Ruth Hopkins, and reared three children. The youngest of these, James Cochran, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Windham, N.H. He accompanied his parents to Antrim when a boy. Reared as a farmer, he afterward cultivated the homestead land during the active period of his life. He also operated a saw and grist mill. His wife, Joanna Cressey Cochran, had six children, of whom the only survivor is Eliza, the widow

of Dr. Jacob P. Whittemore, late of Antrim. She is residing in Concord, N.H., and has one daughter, Mary, who is the wife of E. C. Eastman, of Concord, N.H. James Cochran was a Whig in politics. He lived to be seventy-nine years old, and his wife died at fifty-four. They were members of the Presbyterian church. Ira Cochran, son of James, was born at the homestead in Antrim, and reared to agricultural pursuits. In early manhood he spent five years in Boston, employed as a lawyer's clerk. The rest of his life was passed in tilling the soil of the home farm. He served as a Selectman for two years, and was Lieutenant of a cavalry company in the State militia. In his later years he supported the Republican party. At his death his age was eighty-eight years and six months. His wife, Clarissa, who was a daughter of Samuel Taylor, of Hillsboro, N.H., became the mother of six children. Of these five are living; namely, Mary, George A., Clara R., Caroline C., and Ann M. Clara R. is the widow of John A. Whitman, late of Bennington, N.H. Caroline C. married Benjamin P. Baldwin, of Clinton, Ia., and her children are Minnie A. and Eva A. Ann M. is the wife of Charles E. Eaton, of Bennington. The mother died at the age of sixty years. She was a member of the Presbyterian church.

George Alfred Cochran acquired his education in the schools of New London and Mont Vernon, N.H. After completing his studies he gave his attention to general farming. He succeeded to the homestead, on which he has continued to reside up to the present time. A man of well-known integrity and possessing much ability, he has been elected to various offices of responsibility and trust. For thirteen years he was a member of the Board of Selectmen, serving as its chairman for nine years. He was Tax Collector and Town Auditor for a number of terms, and he was Moderator at town meetings for fourteen years. In 1870 and 1871 he represented the district in the legislature, he was County Commissioner from 1883 to 1889, and he was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention at Concord in 1889. For the past thirty years he has acted as a Justice of the Peace, and

is at the present time a member of the Board of Trustees of the Antrim Public Library.

On November 26, 1872, Mr. Cochran was united in marriage with Etta A. Chapman. She was born in Windsor, N.H., daughter of Captain Silas Chapman. Her father, who is a native of Windsor, after working at his trade of mason in Boston for some years, returned to the family homestead in Windsor, where he is now living at the age of ninety-one years. He was formerly a Captain in the State militia, and was also prominent in political affairs, having served as a Selectman, Tax Collector, and a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives. In politics he is a Democrat. His wife died at the age of eighty-five years. Of his six children two others are living—Helen M. and Joseph C. Mr. and Mrs. Cochran have no children. Mr. Cochran has been connected with the Masonic fraternity since 1863, and has occupied nearly all the important chairs in Harmony Lodge, No. 38, of Hillsboro Bridge. Mrs. Cochran is a member of the Presbyterian church.

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**A**BNER B. CROMBIE, proprietor of the Windsor Mountain House at North Branch, in the town of Antrim, Hillsboro County, was born in New Boston, N.H., February 28, 1840, son of Peter and Hannah (Bennett) Crombie.

Robert Crombie, his paternal grandfather, was a prosperous farmer in New Boston during the active years of his life, and he died there at a good old age. He was a Deacon of the Congregational church. He married Lydia Patterson, who lived to be ninety years old. She was the mother of seven children, of whom Peter was the third son.

Peter Crombie was a native of New Boston. He learned the carpenter's trade, and later became a prominent contractor and builder in Nashua, where he was known as a reliable business man and a good citizen. He carried on a thriving business until his death, which occurred in 1852. In politics he was a Whig. He was a member of the Congregational church. His wife, Hannah Bennett Crombie,

was a daughter of Steven Bennett, of New Boston. She became the mother of five children, of whom the only one now living is Abner B., the subject of this sketch.

Abner B. Crombie was educated in the schools of New Boston and Nashua and at the academy in Francestown. He began life as a clerk in a dry-goods store in Manchester, where he remained two years, and in 1858 he came to Antrim. In 1860 he opened a general store at North Branch, and continued in business for two years. He then enlisted as a private in Company C, Eleventh Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. He was later made a Corporal, and served three years in the Civil War. After his discharge he went to Rockford, Ill., where he was engaged in mercantile pursuits for two years, and for the next three years he resided in Chicago. Returning to Antrim in 1870, he opened the Windsor Mountain House, which he carried on as a summer boarding establishment for twenty-five years, and he is still the owner of the property. He is now engaged in general farming, and cultivates a large tract of land. Politically, he acts with the Republican party. He has been a member of the School Board for the past five years, and for a number of years has served, and is now serving, as Moderator at town meetings.

On November 29, 1860, Mr. Crombie was united in marriage with Miss Louise H. McIlvaine, daughter of Moody B. McIlvaine, of Antrim. Mr. and Mrs. Crombie have no children. Mr. Crombie is a member of Star in the East Lodge, No. 166, F. & A. M., of Rockford, Ill. He is a comrade and was one of the organizers of Ephraim Weston Post, No. 87, G. A. R., of Antrim, and has been its Senior Vice-Commander.

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**W**ILLIAM P. COLBURN, of Milford, a practical and progressive agriculturist of Hillsboro County, was born April 18, 1827, on the farm he now owns and occupies. On the father's side he is of English descent. His grandfather, Job Colburn, was born in Dracut, Mass. His father, Joseph Colburn, who was also a native

of Dracut, lived in that place until he was seventeen years old. Then Joseph came with Captain Moses Nowell, one of the heroes of Bunker Hill to Milford, arriving here early in the spring of 1800. Occupied in farming and becoming one of Milford's most valued citizens, he spent the rest of his life here, and died in 1861. In politics he was a decided Whig. He married Miss Hannah Spalding, who was born and reared in Tewksbury, Mass. Of their children two are now living, namely: William P., the subject of this sketch; and Mrs. Julia A. Wiggin, a widow, residing in San Francisco, Cal.

William P. Colburn acquired his early education in the district schools of Milford. From his earliest years he has made a study of agriculture. Since succeeding to the paternal acres, he has carried on general farming after the most approved manner. He is a strong Republican in politics. During the years of 1859 and 1860 he served as Selectman of the town, and he has also been Highway Surveyor. For the past five years he has been a Justice of the Peace. At present he is actively engaged in the genealogical work of the town history, now in preparation for the press.

On March 26, 1850, Mr. Colburn married Elizabeth M. Clark, who was born in Milford, October 23, 1826, daughter of Joseph and Maria B. (Knowlton) Clark, both lifelong residents of this town. Her grandfather, Richard Clark, was a pioneer settler of Milford, coming here in the latter part of the last century, from Tewksbury, Mass. Mrs. Colburn's father, who was born in 1800, died in 1886. He was a Republican in politics and a worthy member of the Baptist church. Of the large family of children born to him and his wife, the following attained maturity: Elizabeth M., now Mrs. Colburn; Daniel and Charles A., both residents of Boston, Mass.; Frederick W., of South Weymouth, Mass.; Mrs. Harriet Swain, a widow, living in Wilmington, Mass.; Alma J., the wife of Orlando Lawrence, of Lawrence, Mass.; Benjamin F., who died while serving in the late Civil War; John H., of Boston, Mass.; Mary S., the wife of Horace Dean, of Lawrence,

Mass.; Abbie F., the wife of George Kane, also of Lawrence, Mass.; and Edward H., who resides in Milford. Mr. and Mrs. Colburn have had six children, three of whom have passed to the higher life. The living children are: Anna L., George W., and Percy H. Both parents are active Christians and members of the Baptist church, in which the father has been a Deacon for twenty or more years.

**F**RANK A. HOLBROOK, an extensive farmer and dairymen of the town of Amherst, who owns and manages a good farm of one hundred and forty acres, was born June 30, 1853, in Manchester, N.H., son of Francis W. Holbrook. He comes of noted Revolutionary stock, his great-grandfather, Elijah Holbrook, having been a Quartermaster in the Revolutionary army. His father, who was born, bred, and educated in Alstead, Cheshire County, subsequently lived for a time in the city of Manchester. From Manchester, in 1854, Francis W. Holbrook removed to Amherst, giving up his position in that place as stationary engineer and night watchman to become a farmer. On coming to this town, he bought land for agricultural purposes, and from that time until his death was closely associated with the farming interests of this community. An extensive reader, he was well posted on all topics connected with his calling, and for many years was a well-known writer for agricultural papers. Active in religious work, he was a consistent member of the Congregational church. In politics he supported the Republican party, both by voice and vote. He was a charter member of the Souhegan Grange, P. of H. At his death, which occurred December 14, 1886, Amherst lost a true and faithful citizen. He married Olivia Howland. Of their children five are living, namely: Charles R., of Manchester, N.H.; Mary O., the wife of George A. Buzzell, of Bradford, Mass.; Frank A., the subject of this sketch; George E., of Amherst, N.H.; and Jennie, the wife of Ola Anderson, of Concord, N.H.

A very little lad when brought to Amherst by his parents, Frank A. Holbrook was reared and educated in this town. From his earliest youth he has been identified with the agricultural progress of the town and county in which he resides. On his farm he carries on general agriculture and dairying. His dairy yields him large quantities of milk, which he ships to Boston. He occupies a foremost position among the best known and most highly esteemed people of Amherst, being public-spirited and enterprising. For three years he served as Selectman of the town, having been chairman of the Board for one year of that period. In politics he is an unswerving Republican, loyal to the best interests of his party.

On October 5, 1876, Mr. Holbrook was united in marriage with Miss Marcia E. Davis, who was born in Greenville, N.H., daughter of the late Oliver O. and Elmina Davis. Her father, who enlisted as a soldier in the late Civil War, lost his life while in service, dying at the age of thirty-three years from the effects of a wound received in battle. Three of his wife's brothers, uncles of Mrs. Holbrook, were also killed in the war. Mrs. Davis, who is an active woman, though seventy years of age, makes her home with Mrs. Holbrook. Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook have two children — Nellie B. and Walter D. Both parents are members of the Souhegan Grange, P. of H.; and of the Order of the Golden Cross of Amherst. They are communicants of the Congregational church.



LIVER C. WHITCOMB, senior member of the firm O. C. Whitcomb & Co., the well-known box manufacturers of Harrisville, was born at Greenbush, N.Y., February 23, 1844, son of George and Aurelia (Goddard) Whitcomb. His grandfather, Ephraim Whitcomb, lived at Swanzey, N.H., during the greater part of his life, and was probably born there. Ephraim by occupation was a saddler and farmer. His children were: George, Ephraim, Jr., Dorothy, Demerias, and Esther.

George Whitcomb was born at Swanzey in 1812, and died in 1890. His first employment for wages was in a hotel in Massachusetts. From there he went to New York, and was engaged in railroading, being conductor of a train. A number of years later he went to Springfield, Mass., and subsequently to Keene, N.H., in each of which places he was employed as a conductor on trains running out from there. After the death of his father he returned to Swanzey, and bought the old farm, where he resided for the remainder of his life. For twelve years or longer he was sexton at Swanzey. In politics he was a Democrat. His religious belief was Universalism. His wife, Aurelia, was a daughter of Captain Edward Goddard, of Swanzey. She was the mother of two children — Oliver C. and Jane A. Jane died at the age of six years.

Oliver C. Whitcomb attended the public schools of Swanzey and subsequently Mount Cæsar Academy in that town. After leaving school he worked for a time at clothes-pin making, and subsequently manufactured fancy boxes and toys. After working alone for a few years, he formed a partnership with Mr. E. Munsell, of Keene, a partnership that lasted three years. At the end of that period the business was moved to Swanzey, and the firm name became Sprague & Whitcomb. When the factory was burned in 1882, the firm dissolved. Mr. Whitcomb subsequently carried on the same business at Troy, N.H., for a number of years. In 1892 he removed to Harrisville, the firm being then composed of himself and Mr. Frank S. Harris, and known as O. C. Whitcomb & Co. The principal articles manufactured by this firm are wooden packing boxes with locked corners, fancy boxes, children's tool chests, and a large variety of toys and novelties. Their goods are sold all over the United States, and some are sent abroad, where they compete successfully with foreign goods.

Mr. Whitcomb married Ella M. Whitcomb, who was born in 1846, daughter of Sylvander L. Whitcomb, of Swanzey. Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb attend the Unitarian church, and contribute liberally toward its support. Mr. Whitcomb is a Democrat in politics.

**D**ANIEL P. KENDALL, who was born in Mont Vernon, January 3, 1823, came of pioneer ancestry.

His paternal grandfather settled in this section of New Hampshire in the later years of the eighteenth century. His father, Daniel Kendall, was a lifelong resident of Mont Vernon, where he contributed his full share toward clearing the forest-covered land. Daniel married Miss Deborah Battles, who was born in the historic town of Plymouth, Mass.

Daniel P. Kendall, like most farmers' sons, was brought up to agriculture, receiving such educational advantages as were afforded by the district schools. To the substantial foundation thus laid, he continually added throughout his entire life, having been a most intelligent reader and a keen observer. His large and well-cultivated farm yielded good harvests, and his extensive tracts of woodland furnished ample material for lumbering purposes. He was known in Mont Vernon and surrounding towns as a good business man, whose judgment in every-day matters was rarely at fault. In the seventies he represented his native town in the State legislature for two terms. In politics he was an adherent of the Democratic party. He was a member of the First Congregational Church of this town and a liberal contributor toward its support. Actively interested in the Patrons of Husbandry, he was a charter member of Prospect Grange, No. 22, which he served for a time as Chaplain. His long and busy life, which was passed in Mont Vernon, terminated there, August 26, 1891.

In May, 1851, Mr. Kendall married Miss Susan Cloutman, daughter of Thomas Cloutman, of Mont Vernon. She died January 8, 1897. They had seven children, of whom Esther C., William H., and Susie M. are living. Esther C. is the wife of Alonzo Carlton, a Deputy Sheriff residing in Goffstown, N.H. Susie M. resides on the old homestead. William H. Kendall is engaged in general farming, operates a saw-mill, and conducts an extensive business as a lumber manufacturer and dealer. He owns three hundred and fifty acres of land, formerly in-

cluded in the home farm. His reputation is that of a thorough-going and progressive farmer. A strong Republican in politics, he has taken an active part in local affairs. At one time he was Road Commissioner. For six years he was a member of the School Board, serving as chairman of the Board one-third of that time. In 1897 he was elected Selectman of the town. He is a valued member of Prospect Grange, No. 22, of Mont Vernon, in which he has been Master and Chaplain. In the First Congregational Church he is now a Deacon, and for several years has been superintendent of the Sunday-school connected therewith. He was an active member of the Building Committee of five under whose direction the fine and substantial house of worship of the society was recently erected.

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**R**EED P. SALTMARSH, an industrious farmer and respected resident of Antrim, Hillsboro County, was born in this town, December 4, 1820, son of Isaac and Phoebe (Stratton) Saltmarsh. His grandfather, Thomas Saltmarsh, who was a native of Watertown, Mass., settled in Goffstown, where he tilled the soil during his active years. He, Thomas, married Betsey Abbott, daughter of Edward Abbott, of Concord, N.H.

Isaac Saltmarsh was born in Goffstown in 1779. He settled in Antrim when a young man, and cleared a farm, which he carried on for the rest of his life. He was a sturdy pioneer, who braved the dangers and endured the hardships of settling in the wilderness, and by perseverance and hard work produced bountiful crops upon land which he had reclaimed by hard and unremitting toil. He constantly sought to improve the fertility of his farm, and succeeded in bringing it to a high state of cultivation. In 1820 he erected the present residence. He died in 1823, aged forty-four years. His wife, Phoebe Stratton Saltmarsh, was a daughter of Jonathan Stratton, of Marlboro, Mass. She became the mother of seven children, of whom Reed P., the youngest, is the only one now

living. Mrs. Isaac Saltmarsh died September 13, 1872, aged eighty-two years. Both parents were members of the Presbyterian church.

Reed P. Saltmarsh was educated in the common schools, and since completing his studies has given his attention to general farming. He has always resided in the house where he was born, and, having succeeded to the possession of the homestead, consisting of thirty-five acres, is still actively engaged in tilling the soil. Politically, he is a Democrat, and his views upon the subject of religion are liberal. He is well informed upon all current topics, and possesses much valuable information concerning the history of Antrim and its early residents. Mr. Saltmarsh is unmarried.

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**J**AMES A. BROWN, a prominent and respected resident of East Alstead, was born in this town, June 8, 1822, son of Abijah and Sarah (Shepard) Brown. His grandfather, Abraham Brown, who was a native of Grafton, Mass., lived in Alstead, and there carried on farming. Abraham married Lucy Golden, also a native of Grafton, whose children by him were: Sarah, Polly, Abijah, Abraham, John, Betsey, Israel, David, Jonathan, Lucy, and Relief. David and Jonathan were twins.

Abijah Brown, born in Alstead, May 1, 1782, died May 21, 1848. After his school days ended, he worked on a farm for seven years, and then bought a farm in Alstead. Later he bought the old homestead, where he died. He was a devoted member of the Congregational church and ever ready to work for its interests. His wife, Sarah, was born in 1782, daughter of Simeon Shepard, of this town, and died in 1869. Of their seven children two died in infancy. The others were: Gardiner S., Lucy B., Nancy G., James A., and Emily. Gardiner S., who, born September 10, 1810, died December 20, 1876, graduated from Dartmouth College, taught school for a number of years, and afterward became a minister. Eventually he studied medicine, and subsequently practised it in Hartford, Conn., for twenty-five years. He was suc-

cessively married to Mary Scranton and Adeline Merrill, each of whom bore him one child. These were: Lucy B., who married N. Hayward, a farmer of Aeworth, and had a large family of children; and Nancy G., who married a Mr. Bates, of Swansey, N.H., the proprietor of a cotton-mill, and had one child, who died at the age of four months.

James A. Brown was sent to the common schools of the town. Thereafter he worked on his father's farm until some six years ago. He has been actively interested in local affairs, and, besides serving in the minor town offices, he was Selectman for several years. A Justice of the Peace for a good many years, he has settled a number of estates. He is an attendant of the Congregational church and a liberal giver toward its benevolent enterprises. Mr. Brown married Martha A. Ramsey, a daughter of James and Nancy Ramsey, of Alstead. Mrs. Brown was born in Marlow on April 29, 1823.

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**J**AMES W. MORSE, the popular merchant of South Merrimac, born in Townsend, this State, October 6, 1860, is a son of William C. and Hannah H. Morse. The father, a watchmaker and jeweller, was in business in Lowell, Mass., at the time of his death. A native of Dedham, Mass., he was a man of cheerful disposition and pleasing address, and had a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was skilful at his trade, and did a large amount of work on expensive jewelry. His wife, who survives him, now resides in Lowell. Five of her six children are living; namely, Carrie E. Wetherbee, Clarence D. Morse, James W., Edward A. L., and Joshua H. The father held liberal views regarding religion. He was not a member of any church organization, but he believed in the beneficent work of the churches and in a broad and charitable Christianity that expressed itself in daily service to fellow-men. The profession of a creed he held to be the smallest part of men's duty, since creed expresses itself in action far more than in formulated speech.

James W. Morse spent his youth in Han-

over, N.H., and was sent to the public school in that town and later to a school in Troy, N.H. He started in business for himself in life by taking up government land in Dakota, where he remained for four years, engaged in general farming. Desirous of coming East to settle, he finally disposed of his Dakota property and came to Lowell, Mass., where he secured employment with Lamson & Co. as a machinist. Mechanical occupations, however, being less in accordance with his tastes than mercantile pursuits, he removed in 1887 to South Merrimac, where he soon started in a small way the store of which he is at the present time proprietor. Since then Mr. Morse has been highly successful. The increased volume of his business after a time has compelled him to make additions to the original building. Giving earnest and constant attention to his store and never afraid of hard work, he has certainly earned all the success he has obtained. His stock is always in prime condition, and he aims to sell at fair prices, so that all his customers may be satisfied. Of affable manners and always ready to do a kindly turn, he has a host of friends, and has won for himself an enviable place in social and fraternal circles in South Merrimac.

Mrs. Morse has been her husband's constant helper, and his success is largely credited by him to her foresight and practical suggestions. Their children are: Ernest P., born in 1884; and Florence E., born in 1886. Mr. Morse is a member of Granite Lodge, No. 1, of Nashua, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; also of the Sons and Daughters of Rebecca. Both he and his wife are members and attendants of the Congregational church. He serves the town as Postmaster, in which capacity he has won much praise for efficiency. In politics he is an Independent.

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 LIVER H. FOSTER, senior member of the firm Foster Brothers, of Milford, wholesale and retail dealers in meat and provisions, was born January 16, 1842, in Temple, N.H., son of Joshua and Mary (Heald) Foster, who were also natives of Temple. On the father's side he

is of Scotch-Irish extraction. In this country the Fosters are traced back to Massachusetts, where they first settled. Members of the family were afterward early settlers of Temple. Mr. Foster's great-grandfather, Joshua Foster, was a Revolutionary soldier, as was also his grandfather, Joshua. The father was a life-long resident of Temple, and for several years served as Selectman. In 1857 he was one of the committee that had charge of the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of Temple. He had a local reputation as a vocalist, and took an active interest in social matters. His living children are: Oliver H., Emily J., and Hannah A.

Oliver H. Foster spent his boyhood in his native town, receiving an English education in the common schools and Appleton's Academy at New Ipswich, N.H. He graduated from Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College at Manchester, N.H., in April, 1866. Subsequently for a short time he was engaged in teaching and then in carpentering. In 1867 he and his brother, Edward E., established themselves in the meat and provision business under the firm name of Foster Brothers. The brother died May 24, 1897, since which, having bought the interest of the heirs in the store, he has conducted it alone, retaining the firm name. Toward the close of the Civil War he enlisted for three months in the Lafayette Artillery of Lyndeboro, N.H., and was assigned as a private to garrison duty at Portsmouth, N.H.

Mr. Foster is a member of the Congregational church. He is a Republican in politics. In 1892 he was elected Representative to the State legislature, and served one term. He is a member and past commander of Oliver W. Lull Post, G. A. R., of his town. In the O. U. A. M. he is Past Counsellor, and Past Sachem in the Improved Order of Red Men. He is a trustee of the Milford Savings Bank. Fond of music, he takes much interest in musical matters, and is now a member of the Milford Band. He married Hannah E., daughter of Charles Wallace, late of Milford. They have four children: Oliver W., attending Dartmouth College at Hanover; Arthur J.; Elmer J.; and George R. He is a public-

spirited and enterprising man. Both he and his wife move in the best society of the town.

**L**UTHER HEMENWAY, a retired manufacturer of Marlboro and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, January 15, 1827, son of Luther and Betsey (Cummings) Hemenway. His grandparents, Ebenezer and Ruth (Gates) Hemenway, came here through the wilderness from Framingham, Mass., and settled upon a tract of land bordering upon the town of Dublin. Ebenezer eventually replaced his log cabin with a frame house, which is still standing, and at the time of his death was the owner of a good farm. He reared a large family.

Luther Hemenway, who was born in Framingham, grew to manhood at the homestead. He learned the blacksmith's trade, which, besides farming, he followed in the village of Marlboro for some years. His last days were passed in Jaffrey, and he lived to be eighty-five years old. He was interested in military affairs, and was familiarly known as Captain Hemenway. In his religious belief he was a Unitarian. His wife, Betsey, was a daughter of Amos Cummings. Her family were originally from Seabrook, N.H. She became the mother of four children, namely: Charles C., who is no longer living; Sarah; Eliza C.; and Luther. Sarah is the widow of Warren C. Town, late of Keene, N.H.; and Eliza C. is the widow of Oliver Jewett, late of Marlboro.

Luther Hemenway attended the schools of Marlboro and Dublin, and completed his studies at the Melville Academy, Jaffrey, N.H. He subsequently worked with his father at the blacksmith's trade until reaching his majority. Then he engaged in the manufacture of woodenware at Marlboro, where he conducted a thriving business for upward of forty years. He was one of the pioneer box manufacturers in this locality, and is the owner of a mill situated on Minnewaw Creek. His business enterprises were productive of good financial results, and he is now living in retirement. In politics Mr. Hemenway was originally a

Democrat, and he cast his first Presidential vote for Franklin Pierce in 1852. At the breaking out of the Rebellion he joined the Republican party, which he has since supported with vigor. At one time he was the president of the Republican Club, and he is now the secretary. He has rendered valuable service to the community in public capacities. He was Constable and Fire Warden for a number of years, has served for several terms as a Selectman, and was a Representative to the legislature in 1895. He is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Patrons of Husbandry, and has attended the Universalist church for the past fifty years.

On December 7, 1853, Mr. Hemenway was united in marriage with Mary C. Davis, daughter of Joshua Davis. He has one son—Frederick D., who married Bertha I. Smith, and has one daughter—Ruth E. Mrs. Hemenway is a devoted member of the Congregational church.

**C**HARLES E. MARSH, Postmaster of Greenville, an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Gilman, N.H., April 4, 1836, son of Amos and Susan (Gilman) Marsh. His grandfather, Joseph Marsh, who was born in Exeter, N.H., December 20, 1754, followed the trade of blacksmith. Joseph participated in the battles of Lexington, Bunker Hill, and other memorable fights of the Revolutionary War. About the year 1788 he settled in Gilman, where he worked at his trade for the rest of his life. He took an active part in developing the town, and lived to see it become a populous and flourishing community. Distinguished for his kind and genial disposition, he was well liked and respected by his neighbors. He was a member of the Congregational church. His death occurred March 17, 1839, in his eighty-fifth year. On September 9, 1780, he married Olive Arbuncle, who was born March 10, 1758. She bore him eight children, all of whom are now deceased. The mother was about sixty-eight years old when she died.



LUTHER HEMENWAY



Amos Marsh was born in Gilmanton, N.H., July 24, 1799. He learned the blacksmith's trade with his father, and followed it through the active period of his life with a diligence and industry which enabled him to provide his family with a comfortable home and a good practical education. He was an earnest supporter of the abolition movement. In 1854 and the following year so popular was he that, although Gilmanton contained a Democratic majority, he was elected to the legislature. He was a man of few words, and he weighed them well before giving them utterance. In 1838 he united with the Congregational church. He died in Gilmanton Iron Works, October 21, 1877. At his death he was the oldest native resident of the village. His wife, Susan, was a native of Gilmanton, and a daughter of Joseph Gilman. Two of their children, Joseph Warren and Charles E., reached maturity.

Charles E. Marsh acquired his education at the academies in Pittsfield and Gilford. For some years after leaving school he was employed as a clerk in Gilmanton, Laconia, and Farmington, N.H., and in Lawrence, Mass. Subsequently for two years he was engaged in the manufacture of ploughs in Gilmanton. In 1862 he enlisted for service in the Civil War as a private in Company B, Twelfth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers. In the service, by promotion he attained the rank of Lieutenant. He was present at the battles of Fredericksburg and Gettysburg, in both of which he was wounded. In consequence of his wounds he was confined for a time in the Armory Square Hospital at Washington. After the close of the war he became a member of the firm of Dockman & Marsh, and for three years was engaged in mercantile business in Gilmanton. Upon his retirement from that concern he went to Lowell, Mass., where he clerked in a dry-goods store for two years. He returned to Gilmanton again, and was Town Clerk for several years. In 1878 he engaged in the printing and stationery business in Greenville, N.H. Eight years after he was chosen treasurer of the Mason Village Savings Bank, and in 1889 he was appointed Postmaster at Greenville, both of

which positions he still occupies. He acts with the Republican party in politics. He was a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives in 1881. He has also been a member of the School Board, and he has served as Town Clerk since 1888.

On June 16, 1864, Mr. Marsh was united in marriage with Laura A. Griffin, daughter of Joseph Griffin, of Lowell, Mass. His three children are: Myrtle M., L. Maude, and Frederick C. He is a member of Fraternity Lodge, F. & A. M., of Farmington, N.H.; and at the present time is Quartermaster of Herman Shedd Post, No. 27, G. A. R., of Greenville. Both he and Mrs. Marsh are Universalists in belief. They attend the Congregational church, as there is no Universalist church in town.

**W**ILLIAM M. PATTEN, a resident of Bedford and an ex-member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, was born in this town, October 22, 1840, son of Adam N. and Clarissa (Hodgman) Patten. The first ancestor of the family in America was John Patten, a native of Ireland, who emigrated to Massachusetts in 1728. Ten years later John settled upon a tract of wild land situated in the eastern part of the township of Bedford, where he was the second white settler. Having cleared a good farm from the wilderness, he resided thereon for the rest of his life, and died in 1746. His son, Samuel Patten, great-grandfather of William M., was born in Ireland in 1713. Samuel came to this country with his father, assisted in the pioneer work, and was thereafter engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his active period. Joseph Patten, the grandfather, was a native of Bedford. He was born in 1758, was an energetic farmer, and a prominent public official of his day, and died in 1839. It is stated that seven members of the family fought for American independence in the Continental army.

Adam N. Patten was born in Bedford, June 19, 1805. In his earlier years he was engaged in lumbering. Afterward he gave his whole attention to agriculture, which he prosper-

ously followed during the rest of his active years. He was influential in public affairs, and he represented the district in the legislature of 1849. In his religious belief he was a Presbyterian. He died April 15, 1887. His wife, Clarissa, who was a native of Bedford, had four children, of whom William M. and Abigail are living. Abigail, born November 23, 1846, married James E. Gault, of this town, and has had three children. The latter were: Clara M., born in April, 1873, who died January 2, 1888; Lewis, born January 19, 1876; and Abbie, born November 20, 1878. The other children of Adam N. Patten and his wife were: Joseph, who died in February, 1834; and Samuel J., born in 1836, who died June 30, 1858. The wife died January 28, 1866.

William M. Patten was reared a farmer, receiving his education in the schools of Bedford. He succeeded to the ownership of the homestead property, and for several years has conducted a flourishing milk business. He is an earnest supporter of the Republican party, has ably filled some of the important town offices, was Representative to the legislature in 1887, and is at the present time serving as Moderator at town meetings.

On November 26, 1863, Mr. Patten was united in marriage with Ellen Whitford. She was born in Nashua, N.H., April 7, 1842, daughter of George and Sylvie (Stearns) Whitford, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Patten have had four children, as follows: George W., born March 5, 1865, who died May 30, 1887; Carrie E., born September 13, 1868, who died July 23, 1883; Annie M., born August 18, 1872, who died June 28, 1890; and Emma L., born March 29, 1882, who died January 28, 1889. Both parents attend the Presbyterian church.

**H**ERBERT J. TAFT, one of the most active business men of Greenville and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, September 1, 1860, son of James and Mary (King) Taft. His grandfather, also named James, who was a native of Uxbridge,

Mass., followed the trade of a tanner in his younger days. Subsequently for several years the grandfather manufactured cotton goods in New Ipswich, N.H. From New Ipswich he moved to Mason Village, now Greenville, where during the last fifteen years of his life he was engaged in the provision and grocery business. He lived to a good old age.

James Taft, the father of Herbert J., was born and reared in Greenville. When a young man he became associated with his father in business. Capable and far-sighted, he was prominent in public affairs, serving as a Selectman, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and Deputy Sheriff, and he was Postmaster during the first administration of President Cleveland. In politics he supported the Democratic party. He was highly esteemed as a citizen of more than ordinary worth and an upright, conscientious business man; and his death, which occurred at the age of sixty-one years, was the cause of general regret. His wife, Mary, who was a daughter of Colonel Samuel King, of Wilton, N.H., became the mother of five children; namely, Herbert J., Josephine M., Florence E., Winnifred L., and Beatrice K. The last two were twins. Florence E. is deceased. Mrs. James Taft, who is a member of the Unitarian church, resides at the homestead.

Herbert J. Taft completed his education at the New Ipswich Academy, and then studied law with Wadleigh & Wallace, of Milford, N.H. He was duly admitted to the bar, and two years later began the practice of his profession in Greenville. In addition to his general law business, he is interested in the manufacture of furniture, lumbering, banking, insurance, the coal and wood business, and farming. He is vice-president and a trustee of the Greenville Savings Bank, a member of insurance companies, including that of the Granite State, and owns a large farm containing between four hundred and five hundred acres, which is one of the finest pieces of agricultural property in this locality. Politically, he occupies a prominent position in this town. He was for seven years a member of the School Board, and he represented this district in the legislature in 1890 and 1891. He is a trus-

tee of the Chamberlain Public Library. No one is more ready with his aid and influence to forward and assist the general improvement of the town.

On October 21, 1885, Mr. Taft was united in marriage with Ida F. Chamberlain, daughter of James L. Chamberlain, of Greenville. His only child, James Chamberlain Taft, was born February 16, 1891. He is a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge, and of the St. George Commandery of Knights Templar in Nashua. He is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has occupied the important chairs of the lodge in Greenville. Both he and Mrs. Taft attend the Congregational church. His business enterprise has been very beneficial to the community.

**W**ILLIAM F. SYMONDS, an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature and one of the most prominent residents of Hancock, was born in this town, April 23, 1835, son of Lewis and Persis (Robinson) Symonds. Joseph Symonds, grandfather of William F., and a native of Shirley, Mass., came to Hancock when he was eight years old. In his earlier years he worked at the trades of carpenter and blacksmith. He was also engaged in agricultural pursuits. A leading spirit in the local affairs, he served on the Board of Selectmen, and was a member of the legislature for five terms. Noted for his honesty, he was sincerely respected. At his death he was eighty-three years old. He contracted marriage three times successively with Hannah Dodge, Esther Baldwin, and Susan Wright. Of his eight children, all born of his first wife, none are now living.

Lewis Symonds, who was a lifelong resident of Hancock, spent his active years in tilling the soil. As a general farmer he was industrious and persevering, and his bountiful harvests provided ample means for the support and education of his children. In politics he was a Democrat, and he represented this town in the legislature for two terms. He attained the age of eighty-eight years. His wife, Per-

sis, became the mother of five children, of whom William F., Joseph E., Laura, and Elizabeth are living. Joseph married Sarah F. A. Little, of Enfield, N.H., and has three children—Charles H., Mabel L., and Mary F. Elizabeth is the wife of Owen L. Boutelle. Mrs. Lewis Symonds, who is still living, and resides in Penacook, is now eighty-eight years old. She is a member of the Congregational church.

William F. Symonds was educated in Hancock. Since leaving school he has devoted his time and energies to agriculture. His natural ability and sound judgment have, however, called him from the field to various official positions, and that he has ably and faithfully served his fellow-townsman is attested by his long continuance in office. For eight years he was a member of the Board of Selectmen. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1885 and 1891. He is now serving his twelfth year in the offices of Town Clerk and Treasurer. For a long time he has been trustee of the Hancock Public Library. He is also treasurer of the school district, a Notary Public, and a Justice of the Peace.

On January 21, 1869, Mr. Symonds was united in marriage with Abbie M. Washburn, of Hancock. Mrs. Symonds has had four children, three of whom are living, namely: Henry A., born September 23, 1871, who is a graduate of Dartmouth College; Annie Lizzie, born November 15, 1874, who graduated at the Milford High School, and is now a music teacher; and Herbert W., born June 7, 1876, who is a graduate of Tufts College. Mr. Symonds takes a liberal view of questions relating to religion. In politics he acts with the Republican party.

**C**AROLINE LESLIE FIELD, an esteemed summer resident of Alstead, and daughter of Seth D. and the noted authoress, Adeline D. T. Whitney, was born in Milton, Mass. At one time her father conducted a large shoe and leather business in Fulton Street, Boston, but retired when Mrs. Field was quite young.

Her mother, who was born in Boston, September 15, 1824, was educated at Mr. George B. Emerson's private school in that city and at Miss Dwight's Boarding-school at Northampton. She neither wrote nor published before her marriage. Her first book was "Mother Goose for Grown Folks." This was followed by "Boys at Chequasset," "Faith Gartney's Girlhood," "Gayworthys," "Leslie Goldthwaite," "Hitherto," "Patience Strong," "We Girls," "Real Folks," "Other Girls," "Pansies," "Sights and Insights," "Odd or Even," "Cook Book," "Bonnyborough," "Homespun Yarns," "Ascutney Street," "Holy Tides," "Golden Gossip," "White Memories," "Friendly Letters to Girls," "Open Mystery," and many short sketches and articles. Mrs. Whitney is a constant contributor to many of the best periodicals of the country. Her gifted pen, which has carried instruction and amusement to thousands of readers, has made her name a household word.

Mrs. Field inherits much of her mother's gift, and has already written a number of books, including "High Lights," "Poems," "Unseen King," besides many short stories and poems. Mrs. Field has three sons: William L. W., a student in Harvard University; James Alfred, at Milton Academy, Milton, Mass.; and Douglas Grahame, who is also a student of Milton Academy. Mrs. Field and her mother first became interested in Alstead in 1871, when they boarded during the summer with Mrs. Emily Barnard Gibson, a very energetic woman, who sent her boys to college, and kept them there by her own efforts. Alstead may well feel gratified at having so distinguished a resident. Mrs. Whitney was so attached to Hillsboro that she desired a summer home here, and the family now make this their summer residence.

**M**ELBERN E. KNIGHT, of the well-known firm Lewis & Knight, of Alstead, was born in Marlow, this State, July 8, 1862, son of Benjamin and Lucy (Barney) Knight. His grandfather, Ira Knight, who was born in

Hancock, N.H., excepting ten years spent in Vermont, lived at Marlow throughout his lifetime. Ira was an industrious farmer and a good citizen. His wife, who was a Washburn, bore him eight children; namely, Lewis, Eben, Ira, Nathaniel, Abigail, Susan, Sarah, and Benjamin. Lewis, who married, and was a farmer in Marlow for some years, and served his townsmen as Selectman and as Representative to General Court, is now retired from active business. Eben, who was a successful dealer in cattle at Marlow, married, and had a family. Ira, a farmer and a carpenter, married and resided in Marlow and later in Keene. Nathaniel, also a farmer, married, and reared a family of children. Abigail married Joseph Clyde, who was born in Marlow, and now lives at Keene. Susan became the wife of Samuel Bill, a lumberman of Keene, and has a number of children. Sarah is married and lives in Bennington, N.H.

Benjamin Knight was born in Marlow, January 12, 1828. After his school days were over, he learned the tanner's trade, and afterward worked at it for thirty years. He was then employed in a store for ten years, and later he engaged in farming. He attends the Universalist church, and carries into daily practice the teachings of that denomination. In politics he is a Democrat, is active in town affairs, and has held the office of Selectman. He has had three children—Emma, Edgar, and Melbern E. The first two died young.

Melbern E. Knight began his working life as a teamster, which occupation he followed for five years. He came to Alstead in 1886, and worked at teaming with his partner. Then he went into F. J. Marvin's general store, and was there for two years. At the end of that time the firm of Lewis & Knight, general teamsters and jobbers and speculators in lumber lands, was formed. They also manage the express business of the town. In these various lines they carry on a large and successful business.

On October 3, 1886, he married Etta Walker, of this town. Mrs. Knight was born October 3, 1863, daughter of Otis Walker.

Mr. Knight is a Democrat in politics and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a liberal giver to charitable objects.

**M**INNIE E. STACY, of Lyndeboro, a representative of one of the oldest families in Hillsboro County, was born in South Lyndeboro, N.H., October 12, 1872, daughter of Byron and Sarah Adeline (Tarbell) Stacy. On the mother's side Miss Stacy is a descendant in the ninth generation of the first Thomas Tarbell, who was a native of Groton, Mass. His wife, Hannah, whom he married June 30, 1666, had four children. Thomas Tarbell (second), the eldest son, was born July 6, 1667, and died January 24, 1717. On December 1, 1686, he married Elizabeth Blood, who bore him ten children. Thomas Tarbell (third), oldest son of Thomas (second), was born September 15, 1687. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Parker, there were four children. For his second wife he married Abigail Parker, who is supposed to have been a sister of his first wife, and by that marriage he became the father of eight children. Thomas Tarbell (fourth), or Captain Tarbell, the next in line, was the youngest child and only son of Thomas Tarbell (third) by his first union. Born February 2, 1719, he resided in Mason, N.H., was identified with public affairs, and served as Town Clerk from 1762 to 1773. He died February 9, 1777. On June 19, 1741, he married Esther Smith, by whom he became the father of six children. Thomas Tarbell (fifth), the fifth child of Captain Thomas, was born in Mason, October 8, 1751. On July 8, 1788, in Mason, he was united in marriage with Sarah Barrett by the Rev. Jonathan Searle. He served in the war of the Revolution. The fifth Thomas Tarbell was the father of nine children, of whom Joel, Miss Stacy's great-grandfather, was the eighth child. Joel Tarbell was born in Mason, July 9, 1793, and died September 15, 1851. He married Betsey Shattuck, of Pepperell, Mass., and reared three children, of whom Joel H. was the eldest.

Joel H. Tarbell, Miss Stacy's grandfather, born in Mason, February 6, 1816, died February 14, 1891, at South Lyndeboro, N.H. In early life he settled in Lyndeboro, and was engaged in agriculture. He later became a hotel-keeper, in which he continued for seventeen years. He then opened a general store in South Lyndeboro, where he continued in trade for many years. He held the appointment of Postmaster for twenty years, was a Selectman several terms, served as Town Clerk from 1850 to 1857, and for a number of years he was a Justice of the Peace. He was prominent in military affairs, and served as Captain of the Lafayette Artillery Company for fourteen years. On January 15, 1839, Joel H. Tarbell married Esther Putnam, who became the mother of three children, namely: Sanford P., born July 5, 1839, who died January 7, 1842; Charles F., born in Lyndeboro, November 19, 1843; and Sarah Adeline. Charles F. entered his father's store at an early age, and continued there until his death, which occurred February 24, 1888. He was an able and successful business man, and highly esteemed by his fellow-townsmen. He served with ability as Town Clerk and Tax Collector, and was twice a candidate for the legislature. On May 18, 1865, he married Emily C. Chamberlin, daughter of Rufus Chamberlin, of this town. His children are: Walter S., born January 2, 1867; and Charles H., born June 28, 1874. Walter S. was married October 30, 1890, to Lizzie G. Curtis, daughter of Isaiah B. Curtis, of Lyndeboro. Mrs. Charles F. Tarbell is still residing here.

On June 29, 1869, Sarah Adeline Tarbell, daughter of Joel H., was joined in marriage with Byron Stacy. He died June 3, 1875, and the only child of their union is Minnie E., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Byron Stacy died September 11, 1882.

**A**LEXANDER CALDWELL, a paper manufacturer of Bennington, was born in Troy, N.Y., November 1, 1853, son of David and Margaret (Andrews) Caldwell. His grandfather, Alexander Caldwell, a native of Scotland, came to this

country and settled in Tennessee. Alexander was a paper-maker by trade. He married Elizabeth Fraser, and had ten children, one of whom is now living.

David Caldwell was born in Glasgow, Scotland, December 30, 1820. He learned paper-making there, and followed that trade for several years before coming to America. In 1852 he crossed the ocean and settled in Troy, N.Y., remaining there until 1862. Then he removed to Cohoes, N.Y., continuing to work at his trade in that place. In 1872 he went to Unionville, Conn., where he remained for three years. Later he spent some time in Holyoke, Mass. From Holyoke he went in 1885 to Higley, Fla., where he purchased an orange grove, and has since been engaged in the raising of oranges. In his politics he is a Republican. He married Margaret Andrews, and became the father of eight children. Of these Margaret, Alexander, and David J. are living. Margaret is the wife of George Dunn, of Miamisburg, Ohio, and has three children—William, David, and Alexander. David J. married Mary Corbin, of Higley, Fla., and has one child, Alexander. David Caldwell and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

Alexander Caldwell received his education in Troy and Cohoes, N.Y. After leaving school, being then eighteen years old, he learned the trade of paper-maker at Cohoes. After spending a year there, he removed to Unionville, Conn., where he was employed in a paper-mill for about four years. He then worked in the Albion and Chemical Paper Mills in Holyoke, Mass., where he remained for several years. In 1881 he removed to Bennington, and was employed by W. T. Barker & Co. in their paper-mill. He was serving in this employment when he was appointed superintendent, the position he holds at the present time. He now has entire charge of these mills, having under his care about forty-five men. In politics he is a Republican.

On March 24, 1884, he married Alma B. Proctor, daughter of Luke Proctor, of Bennington. They attend the Congregational church. Mr. Caldwell is highly respected in Bennington. He is a thorough paper-maker, and has

attained his present position through his industry and integrity.

**H**ENRY FORSTER HITCH, a prominent summer resident of Alstead, was born in Fairhaven, Mass., opposite New Bedford, and educated in Jamaica Plain. After leaving school, he began his business life in Boston, and later joined the mercantile house in Brazil of which his father had been the head. Mr. Hitch has been in that business for forty years, finally succeeding his father as the head of the concern, and associating with himself in the business two of his sons—Allerton Delano and Joseph C. D. Hitch. Mr. Hitch has three other children. His home is in New Jersey, and he takes an active interest in the political affairs of that State. The American branch of his house has its office in Front Street, New York City. The summer residence of Mr. Hitch in Alstead, large and beautiful, and situated among the hills of New Hampshire, is surrounded by beautiful scenery. He is very much attached to the town and its people.

**J**AMES M. BURNS, an esteemed resident of Milford, is the present worthy representative of an old and respected family of Hillsboro County. Born here December 11, 1819, son of Captain Daniel Burns, he is a lineal descendant of John Burns, who emigrated from Scotland to America in Colonial times, settling with his family in Milford, on a homestead which has since been owned and occupied by a Burns. His son, John Burns (second), reared a large family, among whom was Daniel Burns, Sr., the paternal grandfather of James M. Daniel Burns, Sr., became one of the most influential men in this part of the county, where he spent his life. He was familiarly known as Deacon Burns, having been a pillar of the Congregational church for many years.

Captain Daniel Burns, likewise a lifelong resident of this town, was a prosperous farmer, and for a long time the Tax Collector of Milford. He was Captain of an artillery company

in the State militia. In politics he was very active. He was a strong temperance man, and an ardent worker in the anti-slavery ranks. A consistent member of the Congregational church, he was for many years the superintendent of its Sunday-school. His death, which occurred in 1866, was a loss to the entire community. He married Lydia Sawtelle, who was born in Brookline, N.H. Of their children three are now living, namely: James M., the subject of this sketch; Eli S., a resident of Milford; and Josephine M., the wife of William L. Taylor, of Bennington, this county.

James M. Burns was reared and educated in his native town. In the earlier years of his life he was engaged in general farming and lumbering. Beginning in 1848, he was employed in the carding department of the Souhegan Cotton Mill, of Milford, for ten years, serving for the greater part of the time in the capacity of overseer. In 1858 he went to Holyoke, Mass., where he occupied a similar position in the Hampden Cotton Mills until November, 1865. He then returned to Milford, which has since been his home. In 1871 he built a house of fifteen rooms, and, after occupying a part of it for seventeen years, he sold it for use as a Congregational parsonage. His present residence was built by him in 1891. On both occasions he was his own architect. In politics he is a Republican, and for one year he served his fellow-townsmen as Selectman.

Mr. Burns was united in marriage November 30, 1843, with Miss Mary A. Burns, daughter of the late Captain Peter Burns, and a sister of Luther M. Burns. They celebrated their golden wedding on November 30, 1893, when a houseful of relatives and friends congratulated them on the event. Retaining the faith in which they were reared, they are attendants of the Congregational church.

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**G**ILMAN F. FARLEY, one of Goffstown's most respected residents, was born June 30, 1830, in what is now Manchester, N.H., son of Caleb F. and Sally (Hastings) Farley. His grandfather, Caleb

Farley, who was a cooper by trade and one of the pioneer settlers of Hollis, N.H., married Hannah Fletcher, and died when somewhat over seventy-five years old, in New Boston, N.H. His son, Caleb F., born in Hollis, February 15, 1807, was also a cooper in his early manhood. Later on Caleb became a farmer, lived in the towns of Dunbarton and New Boston, and was a well-to-do man. His wife, Sally, was born in Hopkinton, March 10, 1810. Both she and her husband lived to be seventy-six years of age. They had three children — Gilman F., Carrie, and Sarah J. Carrie became the wife of Deacon Francis O. Colby, of Goffstown; and Sarah married Cyrus Goodwin, of New Boston. The father was liberal in religious belief, and in politics he was a Republican.

Gilman F. Farley received his education in a common and private school of Dunbarton, and grew to manhood there. At first he engaged in general farming, and followed it for some years. He has now sold the most of his land, without, however, wholly giving up his farming interests. He has turned his attention to teaching, and has been pursuing that profession for a number of terms. For two years he has been Selectman, and has been on the School Board for the past thirty years. He is identified with several fraternities, namely: the I. O. O. F., of Hookset, the Sisters of Rebecca, the A. O. U. M. at Grasmere, the Daughters of Liberty, the K. of P. at Grasmere, and the Junior Grange, No. 150, Patrons of Husbandry. Liberal in religion, he inclines toward the Unitarian denomination. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. Farley was married April 10, 1851, to Mary Hardy, who was born October 18, 1824, on the farm he now occupies. She was a daughter of Nathan and Mary Hardy, and her father was among the prominent men of his day in Goffstown. Of her children two died in infancy. The others are: Frank E., the eldest, born February 25, 1852, who resides in Goffstown; Fred S., born July 28, 1853, who is settled in Tiffin, Ohio; and Addie F., born May 4, 1858, who became the wife of Andrew J. Sargent, of Goffstown. Mrs. Farley died February 5, 1888. Mr. Farley was again mar-

ried on September 25, 1888, to Mrs. Julia M. McDuffie, a widow with one child, named Gracie M. McDuffie.

**L**EWIS R. CASS, one of the most extensive farmers and stock-raisers in Richmond, Cheshire County, was born in this town, January 13, 1853, son of Ahaz and Syrena (Richardson) Cass. His grandfather, Martin Cass, was a grandson of the founder of the family in Richmond. Ahaz Cass, father of Lewis, was for some years associated with his brother Nahum in teaming, and after Nahum moved to another part of the town he continued it alone, also following general farming. He resided on what is known as the Hendrick Martin Farm, and was one of the few who could realize good financial returns from the cultivation of the soil. He was a Democrat in politics, and served as Selectman for a number of years, but preferred to devote his chief attention to his business interests. In character hospitable, charitable, and public-spirited, he was a genial host at his own fireside, a friend of the worthy poor, and was ever ready to promote by all the means in his power the welfare of the general community. He took a deep interest in educational matters, was well informed upon current topics, and was for some time president of the Board of Trustees of the library. He was at one time director of the Union Store, and it was through his foresight that the enterprise was finally given up. His wife, Syrena Richardson, who was a daughter of John Richardson, became the mother of one son, Lewis R., the subject of this sketch. She was one of fourteen children, none of whom are living; and her son Lewis is the only surviving representative of the Richardson family. Ahaz Cass died June 6, 1880, and his wife died October 9, 1889.

Lewis R. Cass was educated in the schools of his native town, and at an early age became a valuable assistant to his father. He has resided up to this time on the homestead, inheriting the estate which his father had accumulated. The farm is in good condition, and Mr. Cass occupies a leading position

among the dairy farmers and stock-raisers of this section. In politics he acts with the Democratic party. He has been Tax Collector three years, and was elected a member of the Board of Selectmen in 1897. He is a charter member of Richmond Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and of the local commandery of the United Order of the Golden Cross, having been officially connected with each since their organization.

Mr. Cass married Annie D. Cook, daughter of Eben Cook, of this town, and has one daughter, Anna L.

**J**AMES H. BARTLETT, the genial proprietor of Pleasant View Farm, Shirley Hill, Goffstown, was born in Carroll, Coos County, April 2, 1842, son of Frederick A. and Clarissa (Bacon) Bartlett. Frederick A. Bartlett, a native of Unity, N.H., was born in 1809. He settled on a farm in Littleton, and his life was devoted chiefly to agriculture. A very active worker in the Baptist church, he was chairman of the Building Committee under whose direction the church edifice at Littleton was erected. In politics he was a Jeffersonian Democrat. He died in Littleton, January 23, 1871, aged sixty-one years. His wife, who was born in Littleton, January 29, 1813, died March 10, 1887, aged seventy-four years. They had ten children, namely: Warren L. (deceased), born May 1, 1832; Sarah A., born May 1, 1834; George G., born September 6, 1836; James H., the subject of this sketch; Hosea E., born May 2, 1844; Augustus N. (deceased), born March 5, 1846; Henry E., born April 18, 1848; and three that died in infancy.

James H. Bartlett grew to manhood in Littleton, and was educated in the schools of that town. When a boy of fourteen he began working out, and gave his father his earnings until he reached his majority. Then, with one dollar in money, he started out for himself. After spending about ten years employed in the Manchester mills, he purchased his first land in Peterboro, N.H. Having lived there for ten years, he purchased his

present place, which has been his residence since December, 1885. This farm contains about two hundred acres. A large part of it affords good pasture, making it well adapted to dairying, to which he has given especial attention. A few years ago he began keeping summer boarders, and his success in this line has been very gratifying. The farm, beautifully situated on Shirley Hill at the foot of Uncanoonuc Mountain, but five and a half miles from Manchester, and two miles from Shirley station, is now a favorite resort for many. He has enlarged his house, so that it will now accommodate thirty-two boarders, and fitted it up with hot and cold water, and other modern conveniences. The scenery from the veranda of the house makes the newcomer feel that Pleasant View Farm has been rightly named. Among its special attractions are the beautiful drives.

On July 6, 1864, Mr. Bartlett was united in marriage with Miss Sabrina M. Cannon, who was born in Lunenburg, Vt., June 15, 1843, daughter of Lewiston and Mercy W. (Palmer) Cannon. Her father died in the Mexican War. Both her grandfathers and her great-grandfather Cannon were in the Revolutionary War, and a brother served in the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett have one son living, Walter H., born February 11, 1876, residing at home. Their daughter, Kitty May, born January 26, 1868, died October 27, 1870. In political affiliation Mr. Bartlett is a Democrat, and he served as Selectman of Goffstown for one term. He is a charter member of Granite Lodge, No. 3, K. of P., of Manchester, and he and his wife are members of the Patrons of Husbandry at Goffstown. In his religious views Mr. Bartlett is a liberal, while his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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**W**ARREN SNOW BARROWS was highly esteemed in Hinsdale, both as a citizen and a faithful public official. Born in Westmoreland, N.H., May 9, 1824, son of Warren and Phila (Smith) Barrows, he was a descendant in the seventh generation of John Barrowe, the Pilgrim, who

emigrated from Yarmouth, England, in 1637, settled in Salem, Mass., and afterward removed to Plymouth, Mass. John's son Robert remained in Plymouth, Ebenezer settled in Cumberland, R.I., while Joshua and Benajah located in Attleboro, Mass. Benajah Barrow, who was born in 1683, and died in April, 1754, married Lydia Bucklin, of Attleboro. John Barrow, eldest son of Benajah, was born in 1708. His son, John (second), was graduated from Harvard College, and for fifty years was a teacher in Dighton, Mass. Joseph Barrow, another son of Benajah, was born in 1713. He married Bethsheba Woodward. Joseph's son, Elijah Barrows, with whom the present form of the name began, was born in 1738. Elijah married Sarah Brown; and his son, Elijah (second), who was born in Attleboro, September 23, 1766, was the grandfather of Warren S. Barrows. Several members of the family became distinguished in professional life, among them being the Rev. E. P. Barrows, a noted professor at Oberlin Seminary; the Rev. John O. Barrows, at one time a missionary in Turkey; the late Judge William G. Barrows, Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine; and the late Hon. George B. Barrows, who at one time was the president of the Maine Senate.

Elijah Barrows (second) settled in Westmoreland, N.H., as a pioneer, and became a prosperous farmer. His death occurred January 16, 1840. He married Martha Lucas, who, born in Middletown, Conn., October 18, 1771, died January 4, 1852. Of their six children the third, Warren, born in Westmoreland, August 25, 1800, was an industrious farmer and a much respected citizen. He died July 13, 1868. His wife, Phila, became the mother of six children, of whom Warren S., the subject of this sketch, was the second-born.

Warren S. Barrows acquired such education as the district-school system of his day afforded. After completing his studies he assisted for a time in carrying on the home-stead farm. When he was nineteen years old his father gave him his time, and also offered him a sum of money, with which to make a start in life. Declining the proffered assist-

ance, he came to Hinsdale, and obtained employment at a pail manufactory, carried on by the late Almon Goodnow. After a time he became an expert in that business, and made pails that won a premium at the World's Fair in New York City. Later he worked in Northfield, Winchester, and other places. Then he returned to Hinsdale, where he finally became proprietor of the Eagle Iron Foundry. In a few years the condition of his health forced him to give up the enterprise. Selling out, he engaged in other pursuits, and gradually acquired a good knowledge of probate court affairs and the settlement of estates. Afterward, taking up that business as his regular occupation, he followed it throughout the rest of his life. In that period he adjusted the affairs of over one hundred different estates, and upon the resignation of Judge Hardy he was tendered the office of Judge of Probate, but declined. In July, 1862, he was appointed the agent of a railroad station, a position which he held until within a month previous to his death. For many years he was the agent for the Cheshire County Mutual Fire Insurance Company. In politics he was a Democrat, and for seventeen years he rendered able and faithful service to the town as a member of the Board of Selectmen, acting in the capacity of chairman of the Board for fifteen years of that time. He was a Justice of the Peace for thirty years, and he was appointed Postmaster in 1885, a position he held at the time of his death.

In 1856 Mr. Barrows was united in marriage with Maria L. Walker. She was a daughter of Samuel Walker and a granddaughter of Captain James Walker, a Revolutionary soldier. Mrs. Barrows became the mother of two daughters; namely, Adelia M. and L. Phila. Mr. Barrows died at his home in Hinsdale, October 26, 1888. His daughter Adelia, who was his assistant in the post-office, succeeded him there, and has since held the position by successive reappointments.

The late Mr. Barrows was one of the rare examples of whole-souled, public-spirited men, in whom the community unhesitatingly places its trust. During the exciting times of the Civil War his position as chairman of the

Board of Selectmen caused him to be sought in an official capacity by volunteers who were anxious to enlist; and the deep interest he manifested in their welfare, together with the many acts of friendship he displayed toward them, will be long remembered by the veterans. His acts of charity were numerous and of a nature agreeable with his generous character. His loss was keenly felt by the general community, who as a unit looked upon him as a sincere friend and an able and willing counsellor.

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**W**ILLIAM MATTHIAS KNOWLTON, of Milford, who is well known throughout this section of the State as the treasurer of the Milford Savings Bank, was born June 4, 1832, just over the line in Amherst, which is now Milford. The Knowlton family originated in England, whence in old Colonial times the emigrant ancestor came to this country, locating in Ipswich, Mass. His descendants became scattered throughout New England. One of them, Colonel Thomas Knowlton, to whose memory the State of Connecticut in 1895 erected a statue in the city of Hartford, was an officer in the Revolutionary army, and won fame and honor by his gallant conduct on the field of battle. Joseph Knowlton, the paternal grandfather of William M., removed from Ipswich, Mass., to Amherst, N.H., where he reared his family and passed his last years.

Samuel D. Knowlton, son of Joseph and the father of William M., was a leading citizen in his time, and for several years was First Lieutenant of a company of light infantry at Milford. Identified with the Whig party in his earlier years, he afterward joined the Free Soil party. A strong abolitionist in principles and practice, his home was one of the stations of the "underground railway" by which runaway slaves were conveyed to freedom. On December 23, 1877, this good man died, leaving an honorable record. His wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Shattuck, was born in Pepperell, Mass., daughter of Amaziah Shattuck, who died soon after making his resi-





B FRANK WHITING AND SON, PAUL N WHITING

dence in Milford. Of his children the survivors are: Mrs. N. Jane Brewer, of Milford; William M., the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Harriet A. Fuller, of Milford; Mark D., of Rochester, N.Y.; and George P., of Cambridgeport, Mass.

William M. Knowlton attended the public schools of Milford until about sixteen years of age, when he spent one term at Appleton Academy in New Ipswich, N.H. He subsequently worked for a time in the Souhegan Cotton Mills of this town, going from here to the Dwight Cotton Mills in Chicopee, Mass., where he was employed in the weaving-room for six years. Throughout the following three years he was engaged in the wholesale and retail wood business at Worcester, Mass., afterward spending three years in Camden, N.Y., as a farmer and lumber dealer. In 1864 he returned to Milford, and for the next twenty years was general superintendent of the business of Andrew Fuller, manufacturer of glass frames. Resigning his position in 1884, he was from that time until 1891 successfully engaged in the insurance and brokerage business. This he finally abandoned to become the treasurer of the Milford Savings Bank, which position he still holds. He has also been a trustee for nearly twenty-five years. Mr. Knowlton is active and influential in local and county affairs. Besides serving two terms in the lower house of the State legislature, he has for a number of years been the secretary and treasurer of the Board of Health. He is one of the trustees of cemeteries for the town of Milford. Identified with the Milford Fire Department for many years, he was a foreman of it for a large part of the time. He was also a member of the committee that contracted for putting in the water-works of the town; was chairman of the committee for purchasing a lot on which to erect the present high-school building; and was largely instrumental in organizing the Milford Improvement Society, which he served as president for the first three years of its existence, and of which he is now a director. He is also serving in the capacities of Justice of the Peace and Notary Public. Religiously, he attends the Congregational church.

On October 1, 1854, Mr. Knowlton married Myra J. Brown, daughter of Rufus Brown, of Lowell, Vt. Born of the marriage were two children: Hattie E., who died in 1856; and Belle K., who is now the wife of Fred H. Goss, of Melrose, Mass., and has one child, Helen K.

Mr. Knowlton attends the Congregational church. In the spring of 1865 he joined Custus Morum Lodge, No. 42, I. O. O. F., of Milford, of which, having passed through all the chairs, he has been the treasurer for twenty-six years and the chairman of the trustees of the lodge for twenty-nine years. In 1866 he was made a Mason in Benevolent Lodge, No. 7, and has since passed all the chairs, and has been the secretary for a number of years. He is also a member of King Solomon Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M., in which he has filled all the chairs; of the St. George Commandery, No. 8, of Nashua, N.H.; and of the Israel Hunt Council, of the same city. He likewise belongs to the Knights of Honor, of Milford, and for twenty-one years has been the financial reporter of the lodge. In each and every office he has served with fidelity and ability, doing much to promote the interests of each organization.



FRANK WHITING, an active agriculturist, dairyman, and fruit-grower of Amherst, was born here, April 30, 1856, son of Benjamin B. and Minday S. (Peaslee) Whiting. The founder of the family came from England in the seventeenth century, and, settling in Dedham, Mass., there reared a family. His numerous descendants are now scattered throughout the Union. Nathaniel Whiting, the paternal grandfather of B. Frank, was born and reared in Dedham, Mass. From Dedham, when he was a young man, he removed to Washington, N.H., and at a later period settled in the town of Amherst, where he resided until his death at an advanced age.

Benjamin B. Whiting, son of Nathaniel, was born in Washington, this State. When four and one-half years old he came with his parents to Amherst. He was educated in the

district schools of this town, and on the parental homestead received a thorough training in agriculture. Afterward he engaged in farming, owning and occupying the farm now managed by his son, B. Frank. He was industrious and enterprising, and was much respected. In politics he was a Republican, and he served acceptably as Selectman of Amherst for several terms. By his death, which occurred on the old homestead, November 28, 1885, his family and friends lost a wise counsellor, and the town one of its most faithful and valued men. One of his two marriages was contracted with Minday S. Peaslee, who became the mother of B. Frank Whiting. He reared nine children, of whom eight are living. These are: Mary S., of Waltham, Mass.; B. Frank, the subject of this biography; Mrs. H. Jennie Drucker; Helen P., the wife of Jesse S. Trow; John; Anna C., the wife of Harry Boutelle; Harry; and Florence B. In his earlier years the father was for some time Captain of the Lafayette Rifles, a military company, and was well known throughout the county as Captain Whiting. He was a charter member of Souhegan Grange, No. 10, of Amherst, and for several years served as its treasurer.

B. Frank Whiting has spent his life as a resident of Amherst, gleaning his education in the public schools. From his earliest youth he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits on the farm which he now owns and occupies. He is a keen, far-sighted business man, practical and progressive in his views, exercising good judgment in the fulfilment of his daily labors, and in the management of his three hundred acres of land has met with a success corresponding to his expended energy. In addition to raising the cereals common to this part of New England, Mr. Whiting pays a good deal of attention to the culture of small fruits, and from his large dairy receives a handsome annual income. He is a pronounced Republican in politics, and during 1892 and 1893 he was a Selectman of Amherst. In Souhegan Grange, No. 10, P. of H., of which he is a member, he has served as Standard Bearer.

On April 2, 1881, Mr. Whiting married

Miss Bessie P. Fuller, who was born in Merrimac, N.H., daughter of Samuel and Abbie (Hastings) Fuller. Her paternal grandfather, Israel Fuller, who was born and reared in Middleton, Mass., in young manhood removed from there to Merrimac, and thence to Amherst. The rest of his life was spent in Amherst, of which he was Selectman for nineteen years. Samuel Fuller resided in Merrimac, his native town, for many years, and was Town Treasurer for a prolonged period. Mr. and Mrs. Whiting are the parents of two bright and interesting boys — Frank J. F. and Paul N.

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**J**OHN B. KNIGHT, a leading farmer in Westmoreland, was born in Putney, Vt., February 16, 1817, son of Artemus and Olive (Bowen) Knight. Then grandfather, Samuel Knight, a farmer of Dummerston, Vt., had five children — Artemus, Samuel, Tama, Lucy, and Luke. Artemus Knight was born in Dummerston, but after his marriage he resided in Putney, and died there at the venerable age of ninety-two. He was a farmer. In politics he was a Whig, and he held the office of Selectman in the town for a time. His wife, Olive, died in 1825, leaving four children — Susanna, John B., Samuel, and Lavinia. Samuel married Lucy Huntington, and died in Putney in 1816. Lavinia married Paton Chandler, of Saxton's River, Vt.

Until twenty-five years of age John B. Knight assisted his father on the farm. Then he obtained a position on the Boston & Worcester Railroad, necessitating his departure from home. Afterward he spent nine years in the employ of this road and in that of the Old Colony. Upon his return home he took up a farm adjoining his early home, and cultivated it for six years. Removing then to Westmoreland, he bought the farm which he now occupies. This he has since enlarged, so that he now owns one hundred and twenty-five acres of well-cultivated land. For some years he made a specialty of sheep-raising, keeping about three hundred sheep. More recently he has devoted himself to general farming on a large scale, and by the closest

application to his chosen vocation has become one of the most prosperous farmers of the county.

Mr. Knight married Minerva Fitz, daughter of Rufus Fitz. His children were: Olive, who died at the age of six years; Mary, who married Miron Ward; and Frank, who married Anna Atherton, of Chesterfield, a daughter of William Atherton, and has five children—Grace, Susie, John, William, and Robert. The father has latterly intrusted much of the care of the farm to his only son.

Mr. Knight is a man of quiet, unostentatious manners, with a liking for hard work. Giving all his attention and time to his farm, he has not been actively interested in politics.

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**J**OHN TREVITT was a prominent resident and native of Mont Vernon. Born October 9, 1821, son of Captain James T. Trevitt, he came of a family noted for its patriotism. His great-grandfather, Richard Trevitt, an Englishman by birth, emigrated from his native land to Massachusetts, and located in Marblehead. Subsequently, while fighting for his adopted country, he was killed in the French and Indian War. His widow with her family afterward came to Mont Vernon.

Henry Trevitt, son of Richard and grandfather of John, was ten years old when he arrived in this town. He continued his residence in this vicinity until his demise, becoming a most useful and valued citizen, and was one of the heroes who enlisted from this county as a soldier of the Revolutionary army. James T. Trevitt likewise spent his life in Mont Vernon. Performing his duty as a citizen in times of strife as in those of peace, he was Captain of a company of soldiers in the War of 1812. Captain Trevitt married Miss Sallie Gillis, who was born in Greenfield, this State. They became the parents of six children, of whom three died in infancy. The others are: Sarah Jane, who married Dr. Sylvanus Bunton, and resides in Mont Vernon; John, the subject of this sketch; and Henry, a physician in Wilton, N.H.

John Trevitt remained on the home farm

until sixteen years of age, obtaining his elementary education in Mont Vernon. Then he went to Columbus, Ohio, where he studied medicine for three years with his uncle, William Trevitt, M.D. He was subsequently appointed a cadet at West Point Academy, from which he was graduated in 1844. For twenty-one years thereafter he served in the regular army of the United States, receiving promotion from the rank of Second Lieutenant to that of Captain. He was taken prisoner at New Orleans at the outbreak of the Civil War, but was unconditionally paroled. Captain John Trevitt settled in his native town after leaving the army, and from that time until his death, nearly thirty years, he was one of the leading residents of Mont Vernon. In that period he represented the place for two terms in the State legislature, and he was for several years a Selectman, serving as chairman of the Board for a portion of the time. A man of upright principles, honest and honorable in all of his dealings, he commanded the confidence and esteem of his neighbors; and his death, March 12, 1892, was mourned as a public loss.

On February 22, 1862, Captain Trevitt married Miss Ellen W. Stayner, who was born in Lyndeboro, N.H., daughter of Henry and Abigail (Raymond) Stayner. Mr. and Mrs. Trevitt became the parents of two children, namely: Lucia E., now the wife of George W. Auryansen, of Newtonville, Mass.; and Mary V., who resides with her widowed mother on the old homestead.

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**H**ORACE T. HARVELL, Selectman of Amherst and one of the skillful and progressive agriculturists of Hillsboro County, lives on the homestead where his birth occurred May 27, 1845. This farm was originally owned by his great-grandfather, John Harvell, who was a pioneer settler of Amherst. John's successor was Joseph Harvell, the grandfather of Horace T. Joseph's wife helped to organize the first church of the Baptist denomination in Amherst.

Captain Thomas M. Harvell, the father of Horace T., was the next owner of the home-

stead, whereon he spent the larger part of his life. He did a large business in lumbering; and, until the mill was burned down, he sawed laths, table legs, shingles, boards, etc. In his younger days he served as Captain of a company in the State militia. He was very popular with all classes, and an active politician in the Democratic ranks. A prominent Mason, he was a member of the Milford Mason Benevolent Lodge and Bible Lodge of Goffstown; a charter member of the Souhegan Grange, of Amherst, in which he had served as Master; and an active worker in the Hillsboro County Pomona Grange, of which he had been treasurer. He did much good for the different granges of New Hampshire. On two occasions he was elected Selectman of Amherst, and once he was chosen to fill a vacancy on the same board. He was still a Selectman when he died, May 26, 1889. The event was mourned in Amherst as the loss of an esteemed and valued citizen. Captain Harvell married Miss Sarah Manning, who survives him, being now in her seventy-ninth year. Her father, Joseph Manning, a native of Massachusetts, served in the War of 1812. In one of the engagements he was wounded in the shoulder, in consequence of which he thereafter received a pension. His wife, in maidhood Nancy Cavanaugh, was born and bred in Bedford, N.H. Five children were born to Captain and Mrs. Harvell, namely: Horace T., the subject of this sketch; Joseph M., who married Eliza J. Blood, of Mont Vernon; Nancy S., the wife of James Riley; Mary J., the wife of Leslie S. Bidwell; and John H., who married Jessie Carson, of Mont Vernon.

Horace T. Harvell grew to manhood beneath the parental roof, obtaining a good education in the Amherst schools. Under his father's practical instruction he became familiar with sawing and farming. Although he was said to be one of the best sawyers in the vicinity, an accident disabled him from continuing in that business, and he thereafter gave his exclusive attention to agriculture. When twenty-four years old he left home, and subsequently for a period of three years he superintended the Amherst town farm. Afterward for five years he had the entire charge

of the farm of General George Stark in Nashua, this county. Mr. Harvell now owns the farm of sixty-five acres on which he was reared, and is successfully engaged thereon in general farming. A man of good judgment and ability, he is often chosen to places of trust by his fellow-townspeople. He was elected to the Amherst Board of Selectmen in March, 1894. He was re-elected in 1896, and in 1897 he was chosen First Selectman. Watchful of opportunities to promote the welfare of his native town and county, Mr. Harvell makes a most valued town official. In politics he is a thorough Democrat.

On April 28, 1870, Mr. Harvell married Miss Lucy A. Burns, a successful school teacher, who was born in Bedford, N.H. She is a daughter of Wiseman and Eliza (Harris) Burns, lifelong residents of that place. The father was familiarly known as Captain Burns, which rank he reached in the State militia, having previously been Sergeant and Lieutenant. Mr. and Mrs. Burns had several children, four of whom survive, namely: Abbie J., a popular nurse; Thomas S., who served all through the last war; William H., a farmer; and Lucy A., now Mrs. Harvell. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Harvell was blessed by the birth of three children, of whom Lucy J. died in infancy. Frank H., after years of suffering with double curvature of the spine, caused by being gored by a cow when five years old, died at the age of eighteen. The surviving child, Thomas W., is now living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Harvell attend the Baptist church.

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**J**ASON R. HOLMAN, who for over thirty years has carried on a general machine business in Hinsdale, was born in Chesterfield, N.H., March 30, 1831, son of James and Mary (Faulkner) Holman. His father was an adopted son of David Holman, who was probably a son of Edward Holman, of Royalston, Mass. David Holman settled in Chesterfield about the year 1805, and died there August 17, 1864, aged eighty-five years. He first married Mehitable Gale, who died November 19, 1847, aged sixty-four

years. A second marriage was contracted by him in 1850 with Mrs. Laura Stone Henry, who died March 21, 1863. He was the father of one child—Ella F., who, on reaching her maturity, went to San Francisco, Cal.

James Holman resided in Chesterfield until his death, which occurred April 28, 1844, at the age of thirty-five. His wife, Mary, whom he married in 1824, became the mother of nine children, as follows: David, born January 5, 1825; Mehitable, October 19, 1826; William, August 2, 1828; Jason R., the subject of this sketch; Sarah F., December 26, 1832; Esther M., January 22, 1834; Cynthia, September 14, 1836; George, August 3, 1838; and Henry M., May 15, 1840. Mehitable married Alanson Spaulding. Sarah F. died March 21, 1849. Esther M., who married Charles Miles, of Stow, Mass., died November 9, 1857. Cynthia became the wife of Robertus F. Colburn. George died March 24, 1863, and Henry died October 28, 1847. The mother's death occurred August 31, 1841.

Jason R. Holman was thirteen years old when his father died, leaving his mother with a large family. He assisted in carrying on the homestead farm until he was nineteen, with the exception of a year spent in a bit factory in Spofford. Then he came to Hinsdale, and, entering the machine shop of Messrs. Newhall & Merrill as an apprentice, he remained with that firm for twelve years. Having mastered the trade and saved a considerable amount of his earnings, he in 1862 was enabled to embark in the machine business with a Mr. Tolman. Three years later his partner sold his interest to a Mr. Merriman, after which the business was carried on by Messrs. Holman & Merriman until 1870. Since then Mr. Holman has been the sole proprietor. He employs in busy times from six to nine workmen, and his plant is equipped with every modern machine, tool, and appliance necessary for a varied line of work. He gives his personal attention to every detail, and has excellent facilities for building machinery or making any kind of a device from a draft or a pattern.

Mr. Holman has been three times married. The maiden name of his present wife was

Charlotte Ellis. He has two sons, Henry and Warren, both of whom are machinists. Mr. Holman has served with ability as a member of the Board of Selectmen, and he takes a deep interest in the welfare and prosperity of the town.

**J**OHN L. FOSTER, a leading farmer of Merrimac, is a native of Alexandria, this State, where he was born February 9, 1821, son of Joseph and Lydia Foster. Like that of many other men whose families have been long identified with the State, the genealogy of Mr. Foster has been preserved; and he can trace his ancestry back through several generations. His grandfather, David Foster, was a soldier in the second war with England, begun in 1812. A sturdy pioneer, David lived to the age of ninety-six years, and dying left to his descendants a name to be proud of. David Foster's son, Joseph, grew up a farmer, and resided in Alexandria. He was zealous in the pursuit of whatever object he sought to attain. Both he and his wife were devoted workers in the Methodist church and regular attendants at the services. Of his eight children six are living.

John L. Foster grew to manhood in Alexandria, receiving his education in the district schools of that town. At the age of eighteen he started in life for himself by learning the trade of carriage builder. He received at first only his board, and was allowed a short time to attend school. He has successfully followed this trade in various places for twenty years, and is widely known as a very skilful workman. A carriage made in his employer's shop won first prize at an exhibition in England. In 1855 he located in Merrimac permanently. Two years later he bought the farm he now occupies. Having constantly improved the property since, he now owns one hundred and twenty-four acres of the best land in this section of the State. It is claimed that his land produces more hay to the acre than any other farm in the vicinity. He has a comfortable residence and in every way a happy home.

On March 5, 1861, Mr. Foster was married to Miss Clara K. Read, daughter of Luther W. Read, whose biography appears elsewhere in this work. Their only child, John Frank Foster, born November 21, 1862, lives at home busily engaged in farming, an indispensable aid to his father. Mr. and Mrs. Foster are connected with the Congregational church and are valued workers in the society.

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**B**YRON D. PEASE, M.D., the popular physician of Greenville, was born March 11, 1861, at Colebrook, Conn., son of Luman and Marcia (Case) Pease, of Temple. His grandfather, Sylvanus Pease, a well-known farmer of Winsted, Conn., was the father of six sons, all of whom did honorable service in the late war. Henry R., the eldest, rose to the rank of Captain, and commanded a colored regiment from Mississippi. He served throughout the war, and at its close was appointed State Superintendent of Education in Mississippi, and later Postmaster of Jackson in the same State. He became well known in political circles, and was sent to the United States Senate to finish out a term as Senator from Mississippi. He now resides at Watertown, S. Dak. Byron W., the second son, was a surgeon in the army. Since his discharge he has been in active practice as a physician at Thomaston, Conn. Frank Pease served in the war as a private, and now lives in Barkhamsted, Conn., where he is occupied with farming interests. Horton, the fourth son, who is now a druggist in Connecticut, also served as a private. The other sons of Sylvanus Pease are Robert and Luman.

Luman Pease, the father of Dr. Pease, was born in Winchester, Conn. After finishing his studies in the town schools, he learned the painter's trade, and has continued to work at it since. He lived for a time in Barkhamsted, and while there was Selectman and held various other town offices. In 1892 he removed to Temple, this county, and has since resided there. In politics he is a Democrat. His three children are: Willie M., a practicing physician in the State of Maine; Byron

D., the subject of this sketch; and a daughter, Adella M.

Byron Pease received his early education at Riverton, Conn. When quite young, influenced, doubtless, by the family traditions, he determined to devote himself to the study of medicine. With this purpose, he took a course of study in the University of Vermont. He graduated from that institution in the class of 1887, and shortly after located at Monterey, Mass. He remained there for five years, and during that time secured the respect of the townspeople not only as an able physician, but as an intelligent and active citizen. He served the community in the capacity of Town Treasurer and in other offices.

While in Monterey, Dr. Pease married Orra Belle Rewey, daughter of Albert Rewey, of Housatonic, Mass. In 1892 he removed to Greenville, and since coming here he has gained universal commendation and a steadily increasing practice. He is a Republican in politics, and is always ready to give careful attention to any question relating to the political or civil interests of the town. A member of the Masonic fraternity, he belongs to Souhegan Lodge in Greenville; also to Fraternity Lodge, K. of P., and to Watatick Lodge, A. O. O. U. W. Dr. Pease is still an active member of his college society, the Delta Mu of the University of Vermont. Mrs. Pease is a member of the Congregational church. While Dr. Pease is not officially associated with any church organization, he has a firm belief in the cultivating influences of a liberal Christianity.

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**B**ENJAMIN G. HERRICK, of Lyndeboro, an ex-Commissioner of Hillsboro County, was born in this town, May 1, 1836, son of Dr. Israel and Eliza H. (Burns) Herrick. His great-grandparents, Edward and Sarah (Kimball) Herrick, residents of Andover, Mass., reared eight children, of whom Edward Herrick (second) was the sixth child. This Edward, Benjamin G. Herrick's grandfather, was born in Andover, October 9, 1754. He settled in Wilton, N. H., just after the Revolutionary War, built a saw and grist mill at Barnes's Falls, and

there carried on business for the rest of his life. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. On November 18, 1779, he was married in Andover to Mary Holt, who was born November 24, 1755, and with her reared nine children. He died February 15, 1811, and his wife died in 1845, over ninety years old. During her widowhood she received a pension from the government.

Israel Herrick, who was born in Wilton, July 9, 1794, studied medicine in Hanover, N.H., and, having duly graduated, settled in Lyndeboro. After remaining in Lyndeboro a few years, he practised his profession in Milford, Mason, and Deering, N.H., returning to Lyndeboro in 1834. About the year 1840 he changed to the homœopathic system of medicine. He was the fourth physician to adopt that school of medicine in the State, practising therewith successfully for the rest of his life. His death occurred February 18, 1866. He was an earnest abolitionist and a strong advocate of temperance. In politics he supported the Republican party in his later years, and he was elected to various public offices. He served as a member of the Board of Selectmen and as Town Clerk, and he was a Representative to the legislature for three terms. His wife, Eliza, whom he married in Milford, N.H., November 28, 1822, was a native of that town. She died April 20, 1848. Of her four children Benjamin G., the subject of this sketch, is the only survivor. In the year 1849 Dr. Herrick married Emeline Gray, of Wilton, for his second wife. She died June 3, 1891. The Doctor and both of his wives were members of the Congregational church.

Benjamin G. Herrick was educated in Lyndeboro. Since leaving school, he has tilled the soil of the home farm. During the Civil War he enlisted in a company raised in this town, and served for several months upon detached duty. Politically, Mr. Herrick is a Republican. He has been prominent in public affairs, and was County Commissioner from 1889 to April 1, 1897.

On January 8, 1861, Mr. Herrick married Sarah E. Fish, daughter of Nathaniel R. Fish, of Peterboro, N.H. Mrs. Herrick has had one son — Willie F., born January 15, 1866.

He married Nellie Farnham, of Lyndeboro, who died May 5, 1897. His children are: Harry Benjamin, born October 16, 1891; Roy F., born July 18, 1895; and Bessie E., born April 5, 1897. Mr. Herrick is connected with Pinnacle Grange, of which he was formerly Master; and his son is now occupying that chair. He is widely and favorably known for the ability he displayed as County Commissioner, and has a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

 CHARLES KNIGHT, a thrifty farmer of Westmoreland, was born here, August 2, 1831, son of Luther and Sally (Aldrich) Knight. The great-grandfather of Mr. Knight came from England. The grandfather, Captain Aitemus Knight, settled in Franconia, N.H., but afterward moved to the northern part of the town of Westmoreland, where he took up a farm of about one hundred and fifty acres, and was successfully engaged in general farming and cattle-raising. He married, and had eight children, of whom Luther, Jonathan, and Mary remained in the town of Westmoreland. The other children, excepting Betsey, went West. Mary married a Mr. Dore. Luther, the father of Charles Knight, was born in Franconia. He commanded a company in the Revolutionary War, in which he served for seven years. The rest of his life was spent on the homestead in Westmoreland. He married Miss Aldrich, who had six children. These were: Mary, Nelson, Edward, Aitemus, Lucy Ann, and Charles. Mary married Joseph Heustis, and resided in Boston. Edward died young. Artenius, who married Harriet Webster, removed to Kansas, where he died.

Charles Knight, beginning very early, assisted his father about the farm until his health failed, and he was advised to go to the West for a time by physicians who considered his case nearly hopeless. Having acted upon the advice, he subsequently returned in good health and took up farming on the homestead. He inherited the farm with his brother Artenius, whose share he afterward bought. He lives here at the farm, raising cattle and

sheep as a specialty, and carries on general farming profitably. A man of genial disposition, always courteous, and one to make many friends, he has represented the town in the legislature, has been Selectman for two years, and Town Treasurer for the same length of time. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a disinterested worker for the public good.

Mr. Knight married Lucy J. Woodward, daughter of Ezekiel Woodward, of Westmoreland. His children are: Alice M. and Ida. Alice married John Dunshee, of Walpole, N.H. Mr. Dunshee is in the grocery and provision business and resides in Malden, Mass. Ida married Frank Wilbur, is living in North Westmoreland, and has three children—Harry, Arthur, and Ralph. Mr. Wilbur is a carpenter. Mr. Knight was very active in war times, using his persuasive powers in gaining recruits for the army. He is a member of the Order of the Golden Cross.

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**C**HARLES H. V. SMITH is actively identified with the industrial interests of Hillsboro County, being engaged in the manufacture of house finishings of all kinds, including hard and soft foreign and domestic woods, and of box shooks, in the town of Milford, where he also owns and manages a fine farm. He was born July 20, 1845, in New Boston, N.H., a son of Luke Smith, who was a native of Hillsboro, this State, and a descendant of one of the earliest settlers of that part of the county. One member of the family served in the Revolutionary War. Luke Smith remained a resident of Hillsboro until after his marriage with Miss Wealthy Ayers. He then removed to New Boston, where he purchased a large mill, and for many years carried on an extensive business as a lumber manufacturer and dealer. He found a ready market in Manchester, and oftentimes used six oxen to haul his lumber to that place. In 1859 he purchased land in Milford, and was here engaged in general farming from that time until his death in 1888. Both he and his wife, who also passed her last years in this town, were sincere Christians and members of the Baptist church. Of their children

but two are now living, namely: Mark J., of Salem, Mass.; and Charles H. V.

Charles H. V. Smith was but fourteen years of age when he came with his parents to Milford, where he has since resided. He completed his education in the high school here, and early became familiar with farming pursuits, assisting during his earlier years in the care of the homestead. This property, of which he is now the owner, consists of two hundred acres of land in fair cultivation. In 1894 Mr. Smith, with the enterprise which has characterized his previous efforts, established his present factory, where he is conducting a lucrative business, his prosperity being the natural result of his energy and business sagacity. He is active in advancing the prosperity of the town, giving his ready aid to all beneficial enterprises; and he was one of the incorporators of the Milford Building and Loan Association, of which he is now a director.

On October 20, 1867, Mr. Smith married Miss Martha A. Sargent, who was born and reared in Weare, N.H., and by whom he has become the father of three children: Charles L., who died in 1870; Minnie G.; and George M. Mr. Smith is connected with several social organizations of Milford, being a member of the Order of Odd Fellows, of the Good Fellows, and of the Golden Cross. Politically, he is an unwavering Republican. He is a member of the First Congregational Church.

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**C**APTAIN NELSON RICHARDSON, who resides upon a productive farm in Hinsdale, not far from his birthplace, was born February 13, 1817, son of Jacob and Phoebe (Moore) Peacock Richardson. His grandfather, Timothy Richardson, who was a lifelong resident of Royalston, Mass., reared a large family. Jacob Richardson was born in Royalston, July 14, 1783. When a young man he took up his residence in Hinsdale and cultivated a farm on the Chesterfield road. He married Mrs. Phoebe Moore Peacock, a widow, who was born in Hinsdale, January 17, 1777. Her father, Josiah Moore, kept a tavern on the Chesterfield

road. She became the mother of five children, born as follows: Mary Ann, April 8, 1808; Timothy, September 13, 1810; Adeline, September 4, 1812; Nancy, January 15, 1815; and Nelson, the subject of this sketch, who is the only one living. Mary Ann became the wife of Allan A. Lamott, and died April 6, 1874. Timothy, who married Nancy Harkness, died June 21, 1859. Adeline successively married Allan Goodnow and Thomas T. Fisk, and died August 24, 1861. Her last husband died in the same year. Nancy married John Van Mater, of Yellow Springs, Ohio, and died April 2, 1888. Mrs. Jacob Richardson spent her last days in Greenville, Ohio.

Nelson Richardson acquired a practical knowledge of the ordinary branches of study taught in the district schools, and was reared upon a farm. When sixteen years old, he became what was known along the river as a swift-water man, and was engaged for a time in running a ferry. He also worked upon farms at twelve and one-half cents a day, except in haying time, when he received seventy-five cents, and as a boy was able to do a man's work. He finally began working as a bow hand upon the freight boats plying between Bellows Falls, Vt., and Hartford, Conn. Four years later he became captain, in which capacity he continued employed, commanding some of the largest boats upon the river until the close of navigation in 1847, when the railroad destroyed the river boatman's occupation. During his life upon the river he had many trying experiences. It was a saying in those days that a man was not competent to manage a boat until he had sunk two or more; but Captain Richardson was unusually fortunate in that respect, for he never lost but one, and for that he was not to blame. He was known as one of the most expert navigators upon the Connecticut River in his day, and he is probably the only surviving captain who ran boats north of Brattleboro. After the withdrawal of the boats he worked for a time in the factory of Ripley Hale & Todd at Hinsdale. In 1856 he purchased the farm upon which he has since resided. Here he has been successfully engaged in farming. He has also cut a great

deal of firewood, which he sold in Brattleboro and other places at a profit; and he carried on logging operations to some extent, and sold a great deal of timber in the stump. Originally a Whig, he has been a Republican since the formation of the party, and was a Free Soiler. In 1871 and 1872 and in some preceding year he was a member of the Board of Selectmen. He has been employed to settle many estates, and has acted as guardian for minors and others.

Captain Richardson married Lucinda H. Barrett, daughter of Rufus and Lucinda (Higgins) Barrett. Her father was born November 22, 1785, and her mother on March 2, 1786. They had eight children, of whom Lucinda H. was the fifth-born; and two are living. Rufus Barrett was a son of Philip Barrett, one of the early settlers of Hinsdale. Philip Barrett was three times married, and reared a family of ten children. Rufus and Lucinda Barrett spent their last days with their daughter, Mrs. Richardson. Mrs. Richardson has had no children. Captain Richardson is an interesting man and has a wonderful memory for incidents of the long ago. He takes a delight in chronological records, which he has kept for many years, including the births and deaths of his old friends; and he has most of the names of Hinsdale's oldest residents. He reads without the aid of glasses. Connected with the Masonic fraternity for many years, being a charter member of Golden Rule Lodge, of Hinsdale, he has advanced to the Royal Arch degree.

**H**ENRY M. JONES, a former resident of Hinsdale, was born in Phillips-ton, Mass., July 24, 1811, son of Cyrus and Sally (Barker) Jones. His father died about the year 1822, and his mother died in 1841. When eleven years old, young Henry moved with his mother to Hinsdale. In his youth he lived for a time with Squire Hinds, working upon a farm. When a young man he learned the carpenter's trade. For several years he was engaged in building, and he superintended the erection of many residences in Hinsdale. He later operated a

saw-mill, and still later manufactured tubing for conducting water from the flume to the water-wheel. After following the latter business successfully for a number of years, he gave it up and was subsequently engaged in planing boards for builders, having a shop at the upper end of Canal Street.

In his younger days a Whig, he later became a Republican. He served as a Selectman for a number of terms, was three times elected a Representative to the legislature, and he was a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1876. The title of Captain, by which he was familiarly known, was derived from his long connection with the Ashuelot Guards, of which he was the commander. In his business dealings as well as his official life he displayed sterling integrity, and his ability as a legislator was above the average. He was for many years an active member of the Congregational church, and his every-day life gave ample evidence of his sincerity. His quiet, unassuming manner and uniformity of disposition were among the principal traits of his character. He was always ready with a reason for his convictions, which he firmly asserted, but in such an agreeable manner as to gain the good will rather than the enmity of an opponent. He was, above all, extremely solicitous for the welfare of his fellow-men; and at his death, which occurred in Hinsdale, when he was seventy-five years old, his many deeds of kindness were revived in the memory of the entire community, which sincerely mourned his demise.

On December 7, 1842, Mr. Jones was united in marriage with Julia Worthington Hooker, daughter of Henry Hooker, of Hinsdale. He reared three sons, namely: Henry A., born March 29, 1845; Charles A., born February 25, 1848; and Frederick H., born November 30, 1866. Charles A. Jones, who manufactures and deals in carriages at Keene, N.H., married Emeline C. French, December 27, 1888. His mother makes her home with him. Frederick H. Jones was graduated from the Hinsdale High School. He then was employed in a drug store in Keene. Subsequently he passed a successful examination before the Board of Pharmacy in 1885, and in

1890 he became a member of the firm of Jones & O'Brien, of Hinsdale. This concern started in business as druggists and dealers in clothing and furnishing goods. In 1894 they annexed an adjoining store, giving them double the amount of floor space, and they are now doing an excellent business. Mr. Jones has charge of the drug department, while his partner attends to the clothing and furnishings. They carry a large stock in each line. On January 9, 1894, Mr. Jones married Alice M. Spencer, daughter of James and Jane Spencer. In Masonry he is a member of the Blue Lodge of the chapter and commandery in Keene, and of Aleppo Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Boston. In 1896 Mr. Jones made an extended pleasure trip to the Pacific Coast, visiting various places in California and Arizona.

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**D**ANIEL A. PEABODY, a veteran soldier of the Civil War and a respected resident of Amherst, was born in New Boston, N.H., June 29, 1842, son of Francis and Lydia (Peabody) Peabody. The family come of English origin. George Peabody, the celebrated London banker, lately deceased, descended from the same ancestry. Isaac Peabody, the father of Francis, was a tailor by trade. He came from Topsfield, Mass., to New Hampshire in 1775, first settling in Londonderry. Three years later he removed to Hudson, subsequently to Litchfield, and finally, in 1783, to New Boston, where he died.

Francis Peabody was born February 6, 1793, in New Boston, which was his home until 1845. He then removed to Amherst, this State, and resided there until his death in 1872, in the eightieth year of his age. While a resident of New Boston, he engaged in the manufacture of sash, blinds, and doors, in which he was a pioneer. He also did wool carding and operated a saw-mill, besides carrying on farming more or less. After removing to Amherst, he manufactured shingles. His business ability caused him to be often chosen as administrator of estates. At first a Whig in politics, he later became a Republican and a strong abolitionist. In religious

belief he was a Congregationalist and an active member of the church of that denomination in Amherst. His wife, whose maiden name was Lydia Peabody, was a native of Topfield. Three of their children are living, namely: Aaron F., now in Topeka, Kan.; David, in Denver, Col.; and Daniel A., the subject of this sketch.

Daniel A. Peabody has been a resident of Amherst since he was brought here by his parents at the age of three years. He was educated in the town schools, and his vacations were spent in assisting his father with the farm work. In May, 1861, when nineteen years old, he enlisted in Company G of the Second New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, which joined the Army of the Potomac. After serving in the Civil War until the following July, he was discharged on account of illness. Two months later he re-enlisted, this time in Company I, Fifth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, which also became a part of the Army of the Potomac; and he was subsequently in the battle of Fair Oaks. The greater part of his time was spent in the Peninsular Campaign under General McClellan. He was honorably discharged in October, 1862, with the rank of Corporal, to which he had been promoted soon after his enlistment. Broken down in health, he returned home, and for a time was somewhat of an invalid. When again able to take up work, he engaged in farming, which has been his occupation since. He owns thirty-three acres of land adjoining Amherst village.

On April 6, 1890, Mr. Peabody married Miss Emma F. Robertson, of Greenfield, N.H., daughter of James T. and Isabella S. (Metcalf) Robertson. Her father, now deceased, was born in Greenfield, N.H.; and her mother in Greenfield, Mass. Three others of their children are living, namely: John T. Robertson, of Greenfield, N.H.; Mary E., the widow of Frederick C. Thompson, late of Concord, N.H.; and Hannah L., the wife of Fred W. Barnes, of Milford, N.H. Mrs. Peabody's paternal grandfather, Thompson Robertson, was an early settler of Greenfield; and his wife's father is said to have cut the first timber in this part of the town, having come here before there were any roads. Mrs. Pea-

body received her education in the public schools of Greenfield and at McCollom Institute, Mont Vernon, N.H. When but sixteen years old, she began teaching, and subsequently followed it, principally in Hillsboro County, for a quarter of a century. Mr. and Mrs. Peabody are members of the Congregational church. He belongs to the Charles H. Phelps Post, No. 43, G. A. R., and is connected with the Golden Cross Order. She is a member of the local Relief Corps. Both are popular in social circles.

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**J**OSEPH W. STILES, who owns and cultivates a large farm in Wilton, was born where he now resides, December 9, 1821, son of Asa and Polly (Tapley) Stiles. The paternal great-grandfather, Asa Stiles (first), who was a native of Middleton, Mass., moved to Wilton previous to 1782. He purchased the farm now owned by Joseph W., and resided there for the rest of his life. The maiden name of his wife was Huldah Bixby. He reared a family of six children, all of whom were born in Middleton. The eldest, Asa Stiles (second), grandfather of Joseph W., was born in 1765. He was a blacksmith in Wilton for some years, after which he kept a store in the north-west part of the town. He finally engaged in farming, and continued in that occupation until his death, which occurred in 1832, at the age of sixty-seven years. He successively married Ruth Stiles, Mrs. Abigail Harwood Carson, and Mary Dasecomb. He was the father of six children, three by his first wife and three by his second, all now deceased.

Asa Stiles (third), the eldest child of his father and Ruth Stiles, was born at the home-stead in Wilton, April 27, 1794. Having adopted farming as an occupation at an early age, he followed it industriously throughout his active period, on the home farm, to which he had succeeded. In politics he was a Democrat, and he served two years as a Selectman. His wife, Polly, a daughter of Elihu Tapley, of Wilton, reared a family of six children. Three of these are living — Joseph W., David T., and Harriet E. David T. married Laura

H. Capron, of whose eight children by him Ida M., John A., William A., Charles A., and Hattie A. are living. Harriet E. is the wife of Moses M. Balch, of New Ipswich, N.H., and her children are: Ann J., Ella M., and Abbie L. Asa Stiles (third) died October 2, 1874, aged eighty years, and his wife died November 15, 1857. They were members of the Congregational church.

Joseph W. Stiles was reared and educated in Wilton. Since reaching manhood he has devoted his energies to tilling the soil of the homestead farm, which he bought of his father. He owns three hundred acres of desirably located land, and raises excellent crops. On November 29, 1860, he married for his first wife Nancy Gray, who died in 1888. He contracted a second marriage on November 29, 1889, with Harriet J. Bagley, daughter of John Bagley, of Amesbury, Mass. Mr. Stiles is a charter member and has been an officer of Adrance Grange, No. 20, Patrons of Husbandry. Mrs. Stiles is also a member of that organization.

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**E**DMUND BURKE HULL, Representative to the legislature from the town of Bedford, was born in Lempster, N.H., May 11, 1850, son of Nathaniel B. and Emeline C. (Moore) Hull. His father, who was a native of Bennington, Vt., in young manhood engaged in the hotel business, and was subsequently the proprietor of several well-known hostelleries in different places during his active years. In 1873 Nathaniel settled in Bedford, where he passed the rest of his life in retirement, and died February 1, 1881. He gained a high reputation as a genial and hospitable host; and, wherever he located, the patronage of the travelling public was sure to follow him. He was a worthy, upright man and a regular attendant of the Congregational church. The first of his two marriages was contracted with Lima J. Keyes, who had two children—Orison N. and Lima J. Orison N. is now residing in Cowansville, P.Q. Lima J., who became Mrs. O. F. Stearns, is no longer living. Emeline C. Moore, a native of Lempster, became his sec-

ond wife. Her only child is Edmund B., the subject of this sketch. She died June 20, 1891.

Edmund Burke Hull began his education in the schools of Newport, N.H., and completed it at the Colby Academy in New London. Then he obtained a position in the Manchester office of the Concord Railroad Company, the duties of which he discharged to the satisfaction of his superiors for twelve years. He then resigned in order to engage in dairy farming, which he has since followed successfully. At the present time he is carrying on a profitable milk business. He owns a suburban farm of forty acres, which is especially well adapted to dairy purposes. His various improvements, both upon the land and buildings, have much enhanced the value of the property since it came into his possession. As an active supporter of the Republican party, he has acquired much influence in political affairs, and his natural ability makes him particularly eligible to the public service. He was elected to the Board of Selectmen in 1892, was re-elected and served as chairman in 1893. In the New Hampshire legislature he is fully realizing the expectations of his constituents.

On October 9, 1877, Mr. Hull was united in marriage with Sarah M. Foster. She was born in Warner, N.H., daughter of the Hon. George and Salome F. (Little) Foster, who both belonged to highly reputable families. Mr. and Mrs. Hull are the parents of two children, namely: Harry Foster, born July 24, 1878; and Grace E., born October 14, 1880. Harry F. is now pursuing a commercial course in Manchester, and Grace E. is also attending school. Mr. Hull is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry. Both he and Mrs. Hull are highly esteemed in this community. The family attend the Congregational church.

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**E**LIJAH BOYDEN, late a prominent resident of Marlboro, Cheshire County, was born in this town, August 15, 1814, son of Elijah and Amity (Fisher) Boyden. His father, who was a native of Walpole, Mass., followed general farming during



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his active years, and also kept a tavern in Marlboro, where he died in the prime of life.

The subject of this sketch, who was one of seven children, received his education in the district schools of this town. After leaving school, he engaged in mercantile pursuits in Boston, but subsequently returned to Marlboro, where he built the Stone Store, now occupied by Herbert Collins, and carried on a general mercantile business for some time. In early life he was also mail agent between Boston and Burlington. His latter years were devoted to the transaction of legal business, he having been a Justice of the Peace since his twenty-first birthday. He settled many estates; and, as he was a man of sound judgment, his advice was sought by all classes. Previous to the Civil War he served as Postmaster, and was honored by a reappointment to that office. He was a regular attendant of the Universalist church for many years, or until his death, which occurred in his eighty-first year, November 29, 1894.

In April, 1838, Mr. Boyden was united in marriage with Miss Anna G. Cummings, a native of Sullivan, N.H., and a daughter of the Rev. Charles and Mary (Hemenway) Cummings. The Cummings family were originally residents of Seabrook, N.H.; and Mrs. Boyden's father, who was pastor of a church in Marlboro for several years, died in 1849. Mr. and Mrs. Boyden have an adopted daughter—Amelia B., who married Clark Chandler, and whose husband died leaving her with one son, Carl. The latter is a graduate of a Commercial College in Albany, N.Y., and is now engaged in business in Boston.

**B**ERTELL L. TALBOT, M.D., a rising young physician of Peterboro, Hillsboro County, was born in Milford, N.H., April 5, 1872, son of Leroy L. and Eliza A. (Dutton) Talbot. His great-grandfather, Ezra Talbot, was a lifelong resident of Brookline, N.H., where he followed the carpenter's trade in connection with farming during the active period of his life. Ezra Talbot was a Deacon of the Congregational church, and he and his wife were the

parents of ten children. Samuel Talbot, Dr. Talbot's grandfather, was born in Brookline in 1810. For some years he followed the trade of a carpenter, but later in life he engaged in agricultural pursuits. His character was that of an upright, prudent man, and by availing himself of every opportunity for advancement he attained a comfortable prosperity. In his later years he acted with the Republican party in politics. He married Eliza G. Hodgman, of Merrimac, N.H., and they reared five children, of whom four are now living, namely: Sylvanus J., who married Abbie Brooks; Ann T., who married Daniel Hayden, of Hollis, N.H., and has one daughter, Bertha M.; Leroy L.; and Charles D. Samuel Talbot lived to be eighty-six years old, and his wife died at the age of sixty-three.

Leroy L. Talbot was born in Brookline, N.H., December 17, 1846. He learned the cooper's trade, which he followed in his native town for a time, in 1870 settling in Milford, where for ten years he continued in the same occupation. He then engaged in farming upon a small tract of land in Milford village, where he still resides. Being naturally energetic and thrifty, he has become fairly well-to-do. In politics he acts with the Republican party. He is a prominent Odd Fellow, belonging to Milford Lodge, in which he is Past Grand, and he is also Past Chief Patriarch of the encampment. His wife, Eliza A. Dutton Talbot, whom he married in 1870, is a daughter of Reed Dutton, of Milford. She is the mother of two children: Bertell L., the subject of this sketch; and Carl W., born November 6, 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Leroy L. Talbot are members of the Baptist church.

Bertell L. Talbot was graduated from the Milford High School in 1891. He studied medicine at the Harvard Medical School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1896, and after a course of practical observation at the Boston City Hospital he located for practice in Peterboro. He has already secured the good opinion of the community, and his professional career has opened encouragingly and with bright future prospects. On August 27, 1896, Dr. Talbot was united in

marriage with Mary E. Otis, daughter of Charles L. Otis, of Hancock, N.H.

Dr. Talbot is connected with Milford Lodge, I. O. O. F. He is a member of the Baptist church, and Mrs. Talbot is a Congregationalist.

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**W**ALTER E. MARSH, a business man of Swanzey, was born in Templeton, Mass., July 30, 1855, son of James and Candis C. (Aldrich) Marsh. The father, who was born in Keene, N.H., December 24, 1823, was left an orphan when young, and his youth was necessarily spent in struggling for an existence. In that period he procured employment in a country store in Grafton, Vt., where he labored diligently to obtain a knowledge of business, suffering many hardships and drawbacks, among which was the failure of his employer, who owed him a considerable amount. After a time, however, he opened a general store in Winchendon, Mass. He also engaged, on a small scale, in the manufacture of pails. Enlarging his facilities for carrying on this business as the demand for his pails increased, the venture turned out very profitably. Selling his business in Winchendon in 1865, he came to Swanzey. Here he purchased a mill, together with other property, and established the large pail manufactory which he has since carried on. For over thirty years he has been one of the leading manufacturers of pails in this locality, having a capacity for filling large orders. His factory, which employs an average of forty hands, consumes about two thousand cords of lumber per annum. Soon after his arrival here he opened a general store, which has become the main source of supply for a large number of residents in the locality. He also owns several tenement houses, which yield a good income, and his business career has been exceedingly prosperous. His home is in Keene. In politics he is a Republican, and for twelve years he was a prominent member of the School Board. He has long been identified with the Congregational church as an official, and he is an earnest advocate of the temperance cause. His wife, Candis C. Aldrich Marsh, is the mother

of five children; namely, E. James, Emma A., Amasa A., Walter E., and Alice M. Emma married W. H. Spalter, of Keene; Alice M. resides at home; E. James is a resident of Keene; and Amasa A. Marsh, who resides in Swanzey, married Alice Scott, of Chesterfield, N.H., and has two children—Wanona M. and Margaret.

Walter E. Marsh obtained his elementary education in the common schools of Keene. At the age of fourteen he entered the store of W. H. Spalter as a clerk, continuing in that capacity for six years. He then took a business course at Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College, Boston. After this he resumed his former occupation in Keene, and followed it until failing health caused him to seek a less confining occupation. He next travelled in the interest of the Singer Sewing Machine Company through Cheshire and Hillsboro Counties, was for a time located in Peterboro, N.H., and was finally placed in charge of the company's office at Keene. In 1882 he came to Swanzey to take charge of his father's general store, which he has since carried on.

Mr. Marsh wedded Jessie H. Tottingham, a daughter of Charles N. Tottingham, of Keene. Mrs. Marsh is the mother of three children—Raymond E., Dorris, and Marion. Mr. Marsh is an active member of the Republican Town Committee, and has been President of the Republican Club for the past two years. He was formerly Postmaster under President Arthur, and was elected a member of the Board of Selectmen in 1897. He is connected with the grange.

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**J**AMES M. LAWS, the popular Town Clerk of Milford, Hillsboro County, N.H., and a retail dealer in boots and shoes, was born in Sharon, N.H., July 31, 1845, son of Archalaus and Isabella (Hooper) Laws. His father, who was a native of New Ipswich, N.H., and who followed farming as his main occupation, died about 1880. His mother was a native of Bridgewater, Mass.

When the subject of this sketch was but one year old, he accompanied his parents with the

rest of their family to Milford, and was here reared to manhood. He received his general education in the public schools of Milford, and later was graduated at French's Commercial College in Boston, Mass. For a number of years he was employed in the factory of the late Andrew Fuller in the manufacture of picture frames, and subsequently was appointed Assistant Postmaster of the Milford post-office, which position he retained for about eighteen years. Entering into the boot and shoe business in May, 1888, he has since continued thus engaged. He employs two clerks, carries on an average a stock of ten thousand dollars' worth of goods, and does a thriving and increasing trade.

In 1874 Mr. Laws was elected Clerk of the town of Milford, and up to the present time he has been annually re-elected to the same position by a unanimous vote. For a number of years he has served as a Justice of the Peace, and he is also a Notary Public. Mr. Laws is a Republican in politics. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his religious opinions cause him to affiliate with the Congregational church. He married Fanny A. Moore, of Windham, Vt., and has one daughter, Helen M. Another daughter, Fannie M. by name, has passed away.

Mr. Laws is an enterprising and public-spirited citizen, and takes a deep interest in the welfare of the town of Milford. He has a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and is highly esteemed in this community.

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**F**RANCIS O. COLBY, a farmer of Goffstown, was born here, March 8, 1835, son of Thomas and Mary (Kelly) Colby. His great-grandfather, Thomas Colby, was among the early settlers of Bow, N.H., where he lived throughout the greater part of his life. He was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary army. Samuel Colby, son of Thomas and grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born July 22, 1776, and was a farmer in Dunbarton, N.H., where he lived and died. His wife, Sarah Partridge Colby, came from Portsmouth, N.H.

Thomas Colby, the father of Francis O.,

was born in Dunbarton, March 11, 1807, son of Samuel. He learned the shoemaking trade, but his main business was farming and milling. He was a sturdy, hard-working man and a good farmer, and made many of the improvements which still remain on the farm. In 1838 he built a new house, which has since been remodelled. He was a member of the Baptist church. In politics he was a Democrat. On April 5, 1834, he married Mary Kelly, daughter of Samuel Kelly, whose ancestors were among the first settlers of Goffstown, N.H., coming from Massachusetts. He died September 11, 1878, and his wife survived him until June 24, 1890. They had six children—Francis O., Sarah E., Henry S., Alfred E., Lewis R., and Mary C. Henry S., born January 22, 1837, died in August, 1872, in California. Alfred E., born September 30, 1839, died in 1843. Lewis R., born August 30, 1841, served in the late war with the One Hundred and Twelfth Illinois Regiment, and, after being taken prisoner, died in Libby Prison in 1862. Mary C., born October 22, 1845, died May 27, 1888. Sarah E., who was born September 17, 1843, married Orrin T. Clough.

Francis O. Colby, the subject of this sketch, grew up in Goffstown, where he was educated in the public schools, and has since carried on general farming. He has added to the farm, having now about two hundred acres of land, most of which is under cultivation. He has also remodelled the buildings, thereby adding much to the value of the property. In politics Mr. Colby is a Democrat. He is treasurer of the P. of H. Junior Grange, No. 150, at Grasmere, and is also Counsellor of Washington Lodge, American Mechanics, No. 3.

On October 3, 1865, Mr. Colby married Carrie Farley, who was born December 28, 1839, daughter of Caleb F. and Sally (Hastings) Farley. Both Mr. Colby and his wife are members of the Baptist church. He has been a Deacon of the society for the past twenty years, and is now also the clerk. Mrs. Colby is a member of the Daughters of Liberty. They have had two daughters, namely: Nellie J., born November 9, 1866; and Lillie May, born December 10, 1870. Lillie May

married Mr. William H. Beals, and died October 21, 1891, leaving one daughter — Ramona May, who was born July 26, 1891. Nellie J. is the wife of Lafayette S. Lakeman, of Pembroke. They have one son — Harold P., born June 22, 1896, and they at present reside with Mr. and Mrs. Colby. Mr. Colby has been a very active man, and is one of the most successful farmers of the town.

**H**TON. GEORGE G. DAVIS, of Marlboro, an ex-member of the State Senate and a Civil War veteran, was born in Roxbury, N.H., August 28, 1842, son of Joshua and Eliza (Rice) Davis. The grandfather, Isaac Davis, who was the seventh son of a seventh son, came from Massachusetts to Roxbury among the pioneers of that town, and cleared a farm from the wilderness. He reared several children, of whom the sons were Isaac and Joshua.

Joshua Davis settled upon a farm adjoining the homestead, and was engaged in farming and butchering during his active years. Industrious and frugal, he became prosperous and the proprietor of two hundred and fifty acres of desirable land. His wife, Eliza, who was a daughter of Benjamin Rice, of Massachusetts, became the mother of eight children. These were: Julia A., who married Albert Wright, and resides in Keene, N.H.; Mary C., now the wife of Luther Hemmenway, of Marlboro; Lonisa J., the wife of W. H. Knight, of Swanzey, N.H.; Almond, who married Eliza Buckminster, and resides on the home farm in Roxbury; Lucy R., the widow of Henry C. Willard, late of Boston; Miles, who married Susan Woodbury, and resides in Keene; George G., the subject of this sketch; and Henry J. Davis, who is married and resides in Marlboro. Joshua Davis died in 1862, aged sixty-six, and his wife died in 1888. They were members of the Congregational church.

George G. Davis was educated in the schools of Roxbury and Keene. When eighteen years old he came to Marlboro, where he was employed by Luther Hemmenway in the manufacture of boxes until the breaking out of the

Civil War. He was one of the first volunteers for the late war in Company A, Second Regiment, under Captain T. A. Barker; and he participated in the first battle of Bull Run. At Williamsburg he was struck in the left arm by a fragment of a shell, and was afterward confined to the hospital by the wound for about three months. After his discharge he returned to Marlboro, and in partnership with Luther Hemmenway manufactured boxes and toys until 1870. After this he conducted a country store in company with other persons for two years and then alone and with success for over twenty years. His stock embraced everything necessary for farm and domestic use. The business had expanded into large proportions when, in 1891, he sold out to W. S. Garfield. Mr. Davis is president of the Guarantee Savings Bank of Keene; a director of the Citizens' Bank of Keene and National Bank of Winchester, N.H.; and a director of the Cheshire County Insurance Company. Since retiring from mercantile business, he has had more applications to act as guardian than he could accept; and as agent for several well-known insurance companies he transacts a great deal of business in that line.

Since his retirement Mr. Davis has busied himself with political affairs and the settlement and care of estates. In politics he is a Republican. His public services date from 1874, when he was chosen Town Clerk and Treasurer. The former office he held for about fifteen years. He is still in charge of the town's finances. He has been upon the School Board for a long series of years, has ably presided as Moderator of town meetings, and has rendered valuable services to the town in other official capacities. In the lower chamber of the legislature, to which he was elected in 1879 and 1881, he served upon some of the important committees. As a member of the Senate in 1883, he was appointed upon the Committees on Finance, Banks and Claims, and chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs. He was a County Commissioner for three terms, being chairman of the Board for the greater part of the time; and he was appointed a member of the State Board of Charities and Correction by Governor Busiel,

and is now its chairman. The community has had his services in the capacity of Justice of the Peace for many years. He was vice-president of the committee of arrangements for the centennial celebration of the town of Marlboro, read the Declaration of Independence on that occasion, and also took an important part in the dedication of the soldiers' monument.

On January 1, 1866, Mr. Davis married Maria L. Collins. They have had three children, of whom Ernest and Clifton C. died in childhood. The surviving child is Lester G. Davis. Both parents are members of the Congregational church. Mrs. Davis is prominently identified with the society and its auxiliary organizations. Although Mr. Davis has declined the office of Deacon, he takes a deep interest in the welfare of the society, is one of its trustees, and was the superintendent of its Sunday-school for five years. He is also a trustee of the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society, a member of the New Hampshire Club, and a comrade of John Sedgwick Post, No. 4, G. A. R.



**O**TIS F. SUMNER, a prominent druggist in Goffstown village and the present Postmaster, was born in Milford, Mass., December 13, 1851, son of Sylvanus and Orrisa J. (Gove) Sumner. Sylvanus Sumner, also a native of Milford, Mass., born January 25, 1810, followed the business of a clothier in his earlier life, and was engaged in general farming in his later years. In politics he was a Democrat and in religion a Universalist. He died September 29, 1881, at Weare, N.H. His wife, who was born in Weare, N.H., March 26, 1819, died March 26, 1888. They had three sons who reached maturity, namely: John G., born August 18, 1843, a mechanic living in Nashua, N.H.; Otis F., the subject of this sketch; and Charles H., born September 26, 1853, now a clerk in Lowell, Mass. Almeda, their only daughter, who was born December 12, 1838, died March 13, 1842.

Otis F. Sumner acquired his education in the public schools and at Weare Academy. In 1871 he began learning the drug business.

Seven years later he started in business for himself at Goffstown, and now has the leading drug store in the village. On December 13, 1877, he married Miss Ada A. Butler, of Goffstown, who was born April 24, 1853. She died October 30, 1889, leaving no children. He contracted a second marriage in 1891 with Miss May F. Merrill, of Manchester, N.H., who was born February 7, 1865. They have one son — Merrill G. Sumner, born May 7, 1895.

Politically, Mr. Sumner is a Democrat. He was Town Treasurer for one term, has been on the Fire and Water Committees, and has held other minor offices. On July 21, 1893, he received the appointment of Postmaster of Goffstown, and is still serving in that capacity. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, being a member of Hillsboro Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Manchester; Past Master of Bible Lodge, F. & A. M., of Goffstown; a Royal Arch Mason of Mount Horeb Chapter; a Knight Templar of Trinity Commandery; and he belongs to the Consistory, Scottish Rite, and the Aleppo Shrine in Boston. He is a Universalist.

**M**ARCELLUS J. POWERS, a well-known business man of Hillsboro County, was born in the town of Hollis, where he now resides, August 5, 1853. His father, the late Harvey A. Powers, who died June 11, 1882, was born in Vermont on February 7, 1817, and came to New Hampshire, settling in Hollis, about the year 1851. He was a skilled mechanic, and was engaged in carpentering and building. In politics, during the latter part of his life he was a Democrat. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah A. Colburn, was born in Hollis, July 31, 1820, and died April 9, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey A. Powers were Baptists in religious views, and were members of that church in this town till it disbanded. They had nine children, one of whom, a daughter, Francena A., born April 5, 1840, died August 5 of the same year; and another, a son, Julius A., born February 11, 1840, died January 11, 1850. Seven sons still

worthily bear the family name, as follows: Alphonso H., born April 5, 1840, a farmer and a graduate of Bridgewater (Mass.) State Normal School, now residing at Litchfield, N.H.; Ozro E., born September 15, 1846, now in Wallingford, Conn.; Luray C., a skilled mechanic, born April 7, 1851, residing in Somerville, Mass.; Marcellus, special subject of this sketch; Perley A., born October 8, 1857, a dentist, a graduate of Ann Arbor (Mich.) Dental College, settled in Meriden, Conn.; Lewellyn S., mechanic and musician, born January 15, 1860, residing at Brookline, this State; and Jesse B., dentist, graduate of Baltimore (Md.) Dental College, born January 1, 1864, a resident of Newton Centre, Mass.

Marcellus Powers passed his boyhood days at Hollis, was educated in the public schools of the town, and at the age of twenty-one began to learn the business of carriage and house painting. He has made himself a skillful workman in his department of industry, and has consequently as many calls for his services as he is able to respond to. His time is fully occupied with looking after his numerous engagements and in giving some attention to the management of his place and his fruit-raising business. He owns a small farm, which contains thrifty growing orchard trees, principally apple and pear; and he also raises small fruits of various kinds, taking great interest in this branch of horticulture.

On September 12, 1882, in Farragut, Ia., Mr. Powers married Miss Mary S. Perkins, a lady born in Hollis. This marriage has been blessed by the birth of four children: Bessie M., born May 8, 1883; Marion F., born October 23, 1888; Helen T., born December 9, 1891; and Harvey M., born May 31, 1894. Mrs. Powers's father, John B. Perkins, was born at Derry, August 13, 1829, and died February 28, 1880; and her mother, Mrs. Sophia N. Little Perkins, was born at Atkinson, this State, November 20, 1830, and died August 17, 1894. Mr. Perkins was a very well-known and universally esteemed man, following various lines of business. For a number of years he was Deputy Sheriff of Hillsboro County, and he was also for some time in

the custom-house at Boston. The Perkins children were four in number, namely: Samuel L., born October 26, 1849, a farmer residing in Nebraska; John W., of Farragut, Ia., a farmer, born December 14, 1852; Charles S., born December 9, 1856, who died February 11, 1884; and Mrs. Powers, who was born May 1, 1859.

Mr. and Mrs. Powers are members of the Congregational church. A Democrat in national polities, Mr. Powers is locally a Prohibitionist. He is vitally interested in all public movements, and has been chosen to fill various town offices, including that of Town Clerk. During the past six years he has been a member of the School Board, and is now its chairman. In Aurora Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Hollis, to which he belongs, he holds the office of secretary.

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 ALVIN MERRILL, a well-known resident of Milford and the representative of the third generation of the Merrills in this town, was born on the Merrill homestead, January 13, 1827, son of Asa and Fannie (Steele) Merrill. The family is of English origin, and still keeps the hereditary coat of arms. Nathan Merrill, the grandfather of Mr. Calvin Merrill, was one of the early settlers of Milford, coming here from Bedford, Mass. In 1787 he purchased what is now known as the Merrill homestead, and built there a log cabin. In the following February he made the place his permanent residence. He was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, enlisting when a mere youth, but filled with patriotism, and was one of the guards detailed for duty at the execution of Major André. He was an old-school Democrat and a strong anti-slavery man. His death occurred in 1846. The maiden name of his wife, who came from Bedford, Mass., was Susan Bacon. She was a daughter of Elizabeth Lane Bacon, who, born in London, England, came to Bedford and married a member of the famous Bacon family that named Bedford after the old city of that name in England. Nathan Merrill, Jr., the eldest son of Nathan Merrill, built in New Boston what is alleged

to have been the first stone dwelling in Hillsboro County. Joshua, the youngest son, in the capacities of teacher and superintendent was connected with the public schools of Lowell, Mass., for forty five years. Also, for many years he was a member of the Lowell city government; and at one time he represented Lowell in the General Court of Massachusetts. He was a stanch temperance advocate, and was once a candidate on the Prohibition ticket for Lieutenant Governor of the State.

Asa Merrill, born in Milford, January 17, 1794, was a farmer and a lifelong resident of the town. He is said to have been the first male child born in Milford after its incorporation. At the Merrill homestead he received his friends with the hospitality of a gentleman of the old school. In politics he was a Whig and later a Republican. He was also a Free Soiler. A constant reader, he kept himself informed of current events. He married Fannie Steele, a native of Stoneham, Mass., and a member of the Baptist church. Her father, James Steele, was an officer in the Continental army, and took part in the battle of Lexington. Six of Asa Merrill's children survive, namely: Fannie, living on the homestead; Susan, the wife of Dr. Joseph Mansfield, of Wakefield, Mass.; Nathan, living in Milford; Calvin, the subject of this sketch; Henry, of Pepperell, Mass.; and Mary E., of Milford.

Calvin Merrill resided on the homestead farm until twenty years of age, when he began life for himself. In his twenty-first year he went to Brookline, N.H., where he learned the cooper's trade. After working at this for a short time he spent three years in Roxbury and Woburn, employed in the manufacture of patent leather; and then, compelled by illness, he returned to his native town. Upon first coming back, he resided on the old home farm, and did some coopering there. Subsequently he removed to Milford village, and was there for a time engaged in lumbering, coopering, and farming. In 1872 he started a coal business, which he managed successfully until 1890, when his sons succeeded him under the name of Merrill Brothers. In connection with his coal business Mr. Merrill carried on con-

siderable trade in ice and grain. These departments are still included in the business of the Merrill Brothers, whose grain elevator is near their business office. In politics Mr. Merrill is a Republican. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church at Milford.

On May 26, 1857, Mr. Merrill was married to Lizzie M. Wheeler, of Amherst, N.H. Her parents, both now deceased, were Daniel Wheeler, a native of Amherst, and Martha G. (Aiken) Wheeler, of Deering. Three others of their children survive them, namely: Mrs. Abbie Sawtelle, of Manchester, N.H.; Fannie R., also of Manchester; and Harry R., of Nashua. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill are: John C., Hattie E., Arthur W., and Walter B. Hattie is now the wife of Walter H. Ware, of Milford.

**T**HOMPSON H. RICHARDSON, who for many years past has been connected with the blanket-mill in Marlboro, was born in Baldwin, Me., March 20, 1819, son of Artemus and Mary (Thompson) Richardson. He belongs to an old Massachusetts family. His paternal grandfather, Israel Richardson, was a son of Thomas Richardson. The maternal grandfather, Thomas Thompson, was a soldier of the Revolution. Artemus Richardson, who was born in Templeton, Mass., in 1780, went to Maine in his youth, and there for several years was employed by a Congregational minister. He afterward owned a farm in the town of Baldwin. This he subsequently sold, and purchased another in Hiram, Me., where he spent his last days, and died at the age of sixty-four years. His wife, Mary, had nine children — Artemus, Nancy, Johanna, George, Mary, Thomas, Thompson H., Betsey F., and Sarah B.

Thompson H. Richardson is the only surviving child of his parents. After receiving a limited education at the district schools in Maine, he worked out upon a farm until 1853. Then he went to California by the Isthmus of Panama. He spent four years in the mines of Nevada County. Going thence to Yuba County, in company with his brothers Artemus

and George, he bought a number of claims there, remaining seven years, owning at the same time other claims in the Little York mine. After eleven years' absence in the gold fields Mr. Richardson returned home with his brother Artemus, having been throughout this time an industrious and successful miner. He settled in Marlboro, and was at once employed in the blanket-mill in that town. He is now the owner of a handsome residence in the centre of the town, where he leads a retired life with his wife and daughter.

Mr. Richardson married Hannah Richardson, whose children are: Horatio S. and Emma A. Horatio S., who is a druggist at Concord, Mass., married Ella Thurston, and has one child, Frank N. Emma A. resides at home. She has great natural talent as an artist, and her parents possess many beautiful specimens of her skill. While Mr. Richardson has constantly voted the Republican ticket, he has never cared for public life. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.

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**B**ROOKS R. CAME, of the firm Brooks R. Came & Son, agriculturists and coal dealers of Milford, Hillsboro County,

was born December 5, 1836, in Moultonboro, Carroll County, this State, a son of Henry Came, and a descendant of one of its oldest settlers. Henry Came, also a native of Moultonboro, was there engaged for many years in lumbering and farming on the banks of Lake Winnepesaukee. He married Mary M. Senter, a daughter of Moses Senter, who was born in Londonderry, N.H. From Londonderry, when young men, Moses and his brother Sam removed to Centre Harbor, and built a log tavern on the site now occupied by the fine hotel called the Senter House. Moses Senter fought in the Revolutionary War, and afterward drew a pension for his services at that time. Henry Came and his wife removed to Amherst, this county, about 1850, and some time later went to Linn County, Iowa, whence they migrated to Nebraska. He died in Nebraska at an advanced age in 1894. His widow, now in her ninety-fifth year, is still living there. Five of their children are liv-

ing, namely: Brooks R., the subject of this sketch; Henry F., who lives in Iowa; Charles F.; Annette M., of Nebraska; and Sarah E., the wife of James Schalecka, also of Nebraska.

Brooks R. Came obtained his early education in Moultonboro, living there until fourteen years of age. He then came with his parents to this county, and when twenty years old accompanied them to Iowa, where he resided but two years. Preferring life among his native hills, Mr. Came returned to Hillsboro County, and for a number of years was engaged in the lumber business at Amherst and in general farming. In 1880 he bought his present farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Milford, where he has carried on mixed husbandry most successfully, his homestead being one of the best appointed in the locality. Three years later, taking into partnership his only son, Charles B. Came, he began dealing in coal, in which he has now an extensive trade, the firm of Brooks R. Came & Son being one of the best known and most reliable in the town.

On June 26, 1859, Mr. Came married Miss Mary A., daughter of the late Porter Duncklee, of Amherst. Their children are: Charles B. Came, as previously mentioned; and Frank P. and Annie Lincoln, both now deceased. In politics Mr. Came is a Republican. Besides having served two terms as Selectman of Milford, he has been Water Commissioner since the establishment of water-works in the town.

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**A**DRON WINSHIP, a well-known resident of Greenville, is a native of Mason, where he was born January 14, 1833, son of Noah and Abigail (Blood) Winship. His father, who was a leading farmer of Mason, also carried on a saw-mill. Both parents attended the Orthodox church. Noah was an old-time Whig. He died at the age of seventy-four years, and his wife at about the same age. He was a hard-working man, and had the respect of all his fellow-townsmen. His wife's father, Amos Blood, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Of their large family of children Eunice, Betsy, and Adron are living. Eu-

nice was successively married to Charles Robbins and David Russell, and has one child by her first husband, Charles A. Robbins. Betsy was first married to Brooks Hodgeman, and had two children — Luella and Marshia. Her second marriage was contracted with Augustine Smith, and they have one child, Archie.

Adron Winship when a boy was sent to the common schools of Mason. After leaving school, he went to Townsend, Mass., where he worked in a saw-mill for several years. Subsequently he purchased a farm of about eighty acres, on which he has since carried on general farming. He also has a considerable lumber business and runs a saw-mill of his own. In August, 1855, Mr. Winship married Harriet R. Robbins, of Mason, daughter of William P. Robbins. Of their nine children five are living, namely: Minnie J., born May 24, 1863, who is the wife of Albert J. Moore, of Dublin, N.H., and has two children — Milton A. and Norman G.; Anna L., born August 6, 1866, who is now Mrs. Charles Barrett, of Worcester, Mass.; Eunice E., born June 11, 1871, who is married to Dana B. Howe, of Peterboro, N.H.; Frances E., born August 2, 1877; and Noah E., born May 7, 1880.

Mr. Winship is a Republican in politics. He has always been very industrious and is entirely a self-made man. The goodly amount of property which he owns has been acquired through his own energy and hard work. Both Mr. and Mrs. Winship attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

**H**ERBERT P. THOMPSON, an enterprising merchant and the Postmaster of Troy, N.H., was born here, September 1, 1866, son of Samuel M. and Olive J. (Bowen) Thompson. The father, who was a mason and a native of Vermont, later in life became a pail turner in the town of Troy, where he died at the age of fifty-five years. He fought for three years in the war of the Rebellion, enlisting as a member of the Seventh New Hampshire Infantry. In the service he was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant, and assigned to the Fourteenth New Hampshire Regiment. His five

children were: Mabel F., Fred B., Edgar M., Herbert P., and Gertrude M. The elder daughter is unmarried and resides in Troy. Fred married Mary Weeks, of Richmond, N.H., and lives in Peterboro, N.H., where he dealt largely in hens. Edgar lives in Fitzwilliam. He married Lizzie Davis, and is in the stone business there. Gertrude resides in Brockton, Mass., the wife of George Rowley.

Herbert P. Thompson pursued the high-school course at Troy, and then learned chair-making at Fitzwilliam, where he was employed at this trade for eight years. In June of 1893 he opened a general store in Troy, and has conducted it since. His stock is boots and shoes and medicines. On July 3, 1890, he married Mary E. Hartley, of Halifax, England, and has two children. These are: Harriet H., born February 22, 1893; and Edward W., born February 1, 1895.

Mr. Thompson is a stanch Republican. He served on the Board of Selectmen for two years, and is the present appointee to the Troy post-office. He is a member of the Association of the Sons of Veterans and of the Grange Society.

**J**AMES F. BRENNAN, an attorney and counsellor at law of Peterboro, is a native of this town, and was born March 31, 1853. His father, Hubert Brennan, a native of Lavagh, County Roscommon, Ireland, who was born in 1823, and came to America in 1845, located in Peterboro in 1851, where he built up an extensive marble and granite business, and brought a spirit of enterprise and energy which has added materially to the industrial advancement of the town. In 1850 Hubert married Mary Mahoney, who was born in Callan, County Kilkenny, Ireland, in 1824, and emigrated to America in 1850. Of the nine children born to them five are now living, one son and four daughters.

Mr. James Brennan received his preliminary education in the common schools and academy of Peterboro. Then he learned the trade of marble carving in his father's shop. In 1880 he went to Baltimore, where he entered the

law school of the University of Maryland, residing in that city for upward of four years, during which time he was fortunate enough to be under the tutorship of Charles Poe, one of the most accomplished lawyers of the State of Maryland. He graduated in the class of 1884, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and was admitted to the New Hampshire bar, August 28, 1884. Without loss of time he entered upon the practice of his profession in his native town, where by his ability and industry he has acquired a lucrative and constantly increasing practice. In politics he is a Democrat. He has never allowed his name to be used as a candidate for any political office but once. This was in the year 1886, when he was nominated at the Democratic convention for County Solicitor, and in the election following received a very flattering vote, running far ahead of his ticket. Effective work for his party has been done by him on the stump in recent campaigns. He has occupied positions on the School Board, Library Committee, and Board of Auditors of Peterboro. In religious belief he is a Catholic. He has a very extended acquaintance throughout the State, possessing a host of friends and the confidence of the community in which he lives. A lover of books, he has collected a fine private library and one of the best law libraries in Southern New Hampshire. Mr. Brennan is unmarried.



WILLIAM H. W. HINDS, M.D., a prominent and well-known physician and surgeon of Milford, N.H., was born August 1, 1833, at Chichester, this State, coming of substantial Irish and English stock. His father, Barzillai Hinds, born in Portland, Me., descended from a family that came from Ireland to America, and were afterward active participants in the struggle of the colonies for independence. Captain Jacob Hinds, one of his kinsmen, fought at the battle of Bunker Hill, being an officer in the regiment commanded by General John Stark, whose memory is honored throughout New England. Barzillai Hinds married Selura Aldrich, a native of Bow, N.H., and a de-

scendant of a family of well-known English Quakers.

When William H. W. Hinds was ten years of age, his parents removed to Boston, Mass. Here he attended the Otis School and later the English High School, graduating from the latter in 1850. He afterward studied for a year at the New Hampshire Conference Seminary in Northfield. Then he began the study of medicine with Dr. O. S. Sanders, of Boston, with whom he remained two and a half years. Going then to Lowell, Mass., he continued his studies with Dr. Daniel Holt for a year. During this time he had taught school in the winter seasons, earning enough money in this way to pay his college expenses. After taking one course of lectures at the Dartmouth Medical College, he entered the Harvard Medical College, from which he received his degree with the class of 1861. In the intervals between the lecture courses he gladly availed himself of every opportunity for increasing his knowledge of medicine and surgery. He spent four years as clerk and medical assistant at the State Almshouse in Tewksbury, Mass.

In June, 1861, just after his graduation, Dr. Hinds was appointed by the late Governor Andrew Assistant Surgeon of the Seventeenth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry under Colonel Amory. Two years later he was promoted to the post of Surgeon of the Twelfth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, known as the Webster Regiment, having been first commanded by Colonel Fletcher Webster, son of Daniel Webster, the eminent orator and statesman. He remained with this regiment, efficiently performing his duties, until it was mustered out of service, July 9, 1864. In the following January Dr. Hinds located in Milford, where he has built up a large and successful practice, and won a position of influence and honor among his fellow-towners. In 1875 and 1876 he was a Representative to the State legislature, and ten years later he represented the Sixteenth Senatorial District of New Hampshire in the same body. In politics the Doctor is a stanch Republican. He takes an active interest in educational matters, having been for several terms a member





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of the School Board of Milford and one of the trustees of the Milford Free Library. He likewise served as chairman of the Board of Health for several seasons. For a number of years he has been president of the Milford Savings Bank and of its board of trustees.

Dr. Hinds is a member of the New Hampshire State Homœopathic Medical Society and senior member of the American Institute of Homœopathy, to which he has belonged more than a quarter of a century. In Masonry he has taken all the degrees up to, and including, the thirty-second; has held all offices of the local lodge and chapter and commandery; and he was Grand High Priest of New Hampshire for two years. He also belongs to the Knights of Honor and the Order of the Golden Cross; to the Oliver W. Lull Post, No. 11, G. A. R., of Milford; and to the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, being a member of the Boston Commandery of the same. He is a faithful and active member of the Unitarian church. As chairman of the church Building Committee, he gave efficient aid in the erection of the edifice now used as a place of worship by that denomination in Milford.

Dr. Hinds has been twice married. His first wife, in maidenhood Harriet M. Twiss, was born in Antrim, N.H. She died February 7, 1871, leaving two sons—Edwin H. and Dr. W. H. W. Hinds., Jr. The latter is a practising physician of Milford. The Doctor's second marriage was made August 17, 1880, with Mrs. Annie M. Price Twiss, of Plattsburgh, N.Y., who died January 12, 1890.

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**C**HARLES A. FARRAR, of Troy, is the manufacturer of a popular gold and silver polish. He was born in Fitzwilliam, April 24, 1844, son of Daniel M. and Sophronia (Keith) Farrar. His grandfather, Daniel Farrar, was a native of Troy, owned a farm in the southern part of the town, and died at the age of seventy-five years. Daniel M. Farrar, son of Daniel, was a butcher at Fitzwilliam for twenty years, and supplied meat to Fitzwilliam and Troy. Late

in life he built the house now occupied by his son, Charles A. In company with E. P. Kimball he purchased a mill; and, afterward buying out his partner, he manufactured tubs exclusively until his last illness. He died March 28, 1870, at the age of fifty-five years. By his wife, Sophronia, he had four children—Daniel W., John L., Charles A., and Abbie L.

Charles A. Farrar, the sole survivor of his parents' family, was educated at Troy while living in the family of his uncle Leonard. Afterward he was a butcher in Fitzwilliam for a time. Then he worked in his father's mill until the death of the latter in 1870, when he took sole charge of the business. The factory is now devoted to the making of silica, a polish for gold and silver ware, and which is also used as a tooth-powder. It is sold in small packages. The mill turns out about twenty tons of this article annually.

On April 6, 1865, Mr. Farrar married Charlotte E. Bemis, daughter of Sumner Bemis, of Troy. She was born April 29, 1845. They have five children, as follows: Mary A., born March 11, 1866; Leonard A., born September 28, 1869; Fred J., born July 28, 1871; Nellie L., born October 28, 1875; and Lottie B., born June 10, 1877. Mary married Fred W. Fuller, of Westmoreland. Leonard married May Frances Bennett, and is the station agent at Malden on the Boston & Maine Railroad. They have one child—Leonard C., born November 13, 1895. Fred J. married Ida Fuller, and resides in Troy. Lottie has taught school in Troy as an assistant teacher, and her sister Nellie is a book-keeper for the blanket company. Mr. Farrar was a Selectman in 1869. In politics he is a Democrat.

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**J**ASON H. T. NEWELL, an extensive real estate owner of Hillsboro, N.H., was born in this town, August 11, 1816. He was educated in the schools of Hillsboro, and early took his place among the world's workers. He first tried his hand at farming, but at the age of seventeen turned his attention to other pursuits, working for a while at the painter's and carpenter's trades,

and then going to Fitzwilliam, N.H., where for fourteen months he was employed in the manufacture of woodenware. On his return to Hillsboro he worked in a saw-mill. In 1844 he took a new departure, opening a general store in the village, which he conducted for seven years. Again utilizing his versatile mechanical ingenuity, he next entered the jewelry business, and followed it exclusively for a year. Then once more engaging in general mercantile business, he carried on both enterprises for several years. He finally disposed of his stock of general merchandise, but still continued to carry on the jewelry store; and for ten years he acted as operator for the Western Union Telegraph Company and agent for the American Express Company. In 1870 Mr. Newell went to Effingham Falls, N.H., where he manufactured shoe pegs for a time; and later he built, equipped, and operated a peg factory in Barnet, Vt. He retired from active business pursuits some years since, and is now devoting his time to his real estate interests in Hillsboro. As a business man he always displayed good judgment as well as a disposition to deal fairly with his customers, and his various enterprises proved financially successful.

Politically, he acts with the Republican party. From 1861 to 1869 he was Postmaster, the office being located in his jewelry store. In 1891 he was elected Tax Collector, and has since discharged his official duties with an ability and faithfulness heartily appreciated by his fellow-townsmen.

On December 6, 1838, Mr. Newell was united in marriage with Lovilla Emery, his first wife. She died April 9, 1876, leaving five children. One son, Albert C., born November 15, 1847, died October 9, 1893. The other four children are living, namely: Sarah M., born March 29, 1841; Rosella Ann, born March 4, 1844; Eva Z., born July 10, 1854; and Amy N., born February 17, 1857. Sarah M. Newell is the wife of W. H. Story, of Hillsboro, and has four children — Amy L., Fred G., William O., and Frank S. Rosella Ann married George W. Anderson, of Providence, R.I., and has one son living, Richard R. Anderson. Eva Z. is the wife of Stillman

C. Davis, of Warner, N.H., and her children are: C. Burdette (deceased at eight years of age), Lloyd G., and Stillman C. Davis, Jr. On September 28, 1876, Mr. Newell wedded for his second wife Mary Jane Savory, of Hillsboro. By this union there were no children. His present wife, whom he married January 9, 1883, was Sarah A. Emerson, of Salem, N.H.

Mr. Newell is prominently identified with the Knights of Pythias, being a member of the Grand Lodge and having occupied the important chairs of the lodge in Hillsboro. He has worked his way to a position of comfortable prosperity through his own ability and progressive tendencies, is highly esteemed for his many sterling qualities as a citizen.

**J**OHN C. DODGE, a farmer of Bennington, was born here, November 7, 1818, son of John and Betsey (Dinsmore) Dodge. His grandfather, Gideon Dodge, a native of Beverly, Mass., came here in 1794, when the place was called Society Land, purchased a tract of land, and thereon built a log cabin. Gideon afterward erected a house, in which he lived for the remainder of his life. He also erected the first church in the town, for which he gave the land and the lumber. A man of good habits and a hard worker, he acquired a valuable estate, and served the town in various offices. He married Charity Cole, who bore him eight children. Both he and she were members of the Baptist church. He died at the age of sixty-two years. She survived him, reaching the advanced age of eighty-five years.

John Dodge, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born on April 21, 1793, on the old homestead, where he remained all his life and carried on general farming successfully throughout his mature years. In politics he was a Democrat, and he served Society Land in the legislature for ten years. He married Betsey Dinsmore, daughter of Robert Dinsmore, of Society Land, later of Francestown, N.H. They had eight children, of whom John C., Gideon, and Mary Jane are living. Gideon married Sarah Baldwin, of Antrim,

N.H., and is now a widower with three children — William B. D., Sarah O., and Fanny E. Mary Jane is now the wife of N. W. C. Jameson, of Antrim, and has had nine children, of whom Nathan C., Charles R., Caroline E., Walter D., Jennie M., and Gertrude D. are living. The father died September 23, 1865. He was a charter member of the Congregational church. The death of his wife, who was a member of the same church, occurred January 8, 1861.

John C. Dodge received his education in the public schools of his native town. He has since carried on general farming, residing on the old homestead first settled by his grandfather. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been quite prominent in the affairs of the town. He was Selectman for fourteen years, served in other offices, and was legislative Representative in 1867 and 1868. He is a member of Pacific Lodge of Masons in Framingham, N.H. On February 10, 1846, he married Lucretia A. Russell, daughter of Nahum and Lucretia (Johnson) Russell, of Greenfield, N.H. They had seven children, six of whom are now living. They are: Mary F., Martha A., George R., Othniel Dinsmore, Lucretia R., and John M. Mary F. married Edward B. Johnson, of Washington, D.C., and has one child, Clarence R. Martha A. is the wife of Albert Goodwin, of New Boston, N.H., and has one child, George. George R., who married Caroline Howland, of Boston, Mass., is the father of two children — George L. and Gladys. Othniel Dinsmore was married to Harriet Howe Mussey, of Bennington, whose two children by him are: Georgiana J. and John C. Lucretia is the wife of George Edward Lewis, of Manchester, N.H., and the mother of one child, Allen D. John M. married Lela Buchanan, of Antrim, who has borne him two children — Ethel B. and Warren C.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodge are both members of the Congregational church. Mrs. Dodge is now the oldest living member. In 1896 they celebrated their golden wedding, when they received many valuable gifts in addition to the congratulations of their friends. Genial and sociable, they are highly esteemed by their neighbors.

**A**MOS SCRIPTURE, a retired business man of Greenville, was born in Mason, N.H., March 16, 1806, son of James and Lucy (Dakin) Scripture. His grandfather, James Scripture, was one of three brothers who emigrated from Wales. One settled in Nelson, N.H., another in Hollis, and James located in Mason. He cleared a farm from the wilderness, and thereafter resided on it until his death, which occurred when he was over ninety years old. His wife, whose maiden name was Sybil Shipley, lived to about the same age. She was the mother of nine children, all of whom are now deceased. The eldest, also named James, was born in Mason upon the farm which his father had cleared. He learned the cooper's trade, which he followed in connection with farming. Besides the homestead, which he inherited, he owned an adjoining farm. He was unusually prosperous, considering his limited opportunities. He died at the age of ninety-four years; and his wife, Lucy, who was a daughter of Amos Dakin, of Mason, lived to be ninety-four. They were members of the Christian church.

Amos Scripture attended school in his native town. He obtained his first sight of the world outside Mason while driving an ox team loaded with barrels made by his father to Boston and Marblehead, Mass. When a young man he went to New Ipswich, N.H., where he learned the trade of a tinsmith. After working at it as a journeyman for some time, he established himself in business in Mason village. He dealt in tinware and stoves, and he also manufactured japanned ware and sold it throughout the New England States. Afterward in company with his son, Charles A., he engaged in the same business in Winchendon, Mass. Two years later they moved to Nashua, N.H., and under the firm name of A. Scripture & Son they carried on business for four and one-half years. Then after a business career of nearly fifty years, in which he had acquired an ample competence, Mr. Scripture retired, and has since resided in Greenville. In politics he is a Republican. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen and Tax Collector for a number of years. He is one of

the oldest members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in this locality.

In August, 1836, Mr. Scripture wedded for his first wife Sophronia Barrett, of Mason, who died at the age of thirty-eight years. By that union there were two children, of whom George H., the survivor, married Kate Noone, of Peterboro, N.H. In 1851 Mr. Scripture married Alma Russell, of Mason, who lived to be seventy-one years old. She had two children, of whom one is deceased. The other, Charles A., born May 20, 1854, who was educated in Greenville, beginning at the age of seventeen was for seven years in the employ of Brooks & Davis, who ran an express between this town and Boston, and in the stove and tinware trade with his father for about the same length of time. He then returned to Greenville; and, purchasing a half-interest in the express business with which he was formerly connected, he continued as one of its proprietors until it was sold out to the National Express Company. For the past five years he has acted as Greenville agent for this company. On December 25, 1878, he married Emma F. Davis, of Fitchburg, Mass. He has one daughter, Clara Bell. In politics he is a Republican, while in religion he is a liberal. Mr. Amos Scripture is a member of the Christian church in Mason.

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**L**EVI A. FULLER, a prosperous manufacturer of Marlboro and an ex-member of the legislature, was born in Troy, N.H., May 4, 1836, son of Amasa and Hannah (Jackson) Fuller. His grandfather, Captain Isaac Fuller, who was a native of Newton, Mass., moved from that State to Troy, and followed the trade of a carpenter in that town until, at the age of forty-five, he lost his life in a severe snowstorm within sight of his home. Captain Fuller's wife, in maidenhood Patty Howe, was a native of Holden, Mass.

Amasa Fuller, the father of Levi A., was born in Holden and reared in Troy. After learning the carpenter's trade, he became quite an extensive builder in Troy and vicinity, and also cleared a farm. He acquired consider-

able property in Troy, and at the age of sixty years he improved a water-power at Marlboro Depot, where he erected a saw and grist mill. He had also been engaged in the manufacture of woodenware in Marlboro for some time, when, in 1865, he sold the factory to his son. His last days were spent in Swanzey. Amasa Fuller lived to be eighty-two years old. The children of his first wife, whose maiden name was Anna Bemis, are all deceased. Hannah Jackson Fuller, his second wife, who was a native of Warrenton, Vt., became the mother of eight children, of whom Amasa, Levi A., and Irwin J. are living. Amasa is a pail manufacturer in Marlboro, and Irwin J. has a woodenware factory in Perry, Ga.

After attending school in Troy and Marlboro, Levi A. Fuller was employed in his father's factory for some time. At the age of twenty he went to Fitzwilliam, N.H., where he manufactured clothes-pins for a number of years. In 1865 he purchased his father's business in Marlboro, and has since given his attention to its management. He manufactures lumber, chair stock, pail handles, bale woods, etc., and has a good business.

On February 22, 1860, Mr. Fuller married for his first wife Elvira L. Bemis, whose children by him were: Cora A., who died in infancy; and Elmer A., a resident of Danvers, Mass., who married Hattie Wilson, of Sullivan, N.H., and has one son, Julian. Mrs. Elvira Fuller died November 15, 1865. Mr. Fuller's second marriage was contracted October 30, 1866, with Emily L. Adams, daughter of Dr. Willard Adams, of Swanzey. Born of this marriage are four children — Ida E., Walter T., Arthur L., and Cora A. Ida E. is now the wife of Fred Farrar, of Troy, N.H. Mr. Fuller joined the Congregational church in 1867, and has acted as a Deacon since 1874. He has settled many estates, and has been appointed guardian for children. He is deeply interested in the general prosperity of the neighborhood as well as in its moral and religious welfare, and is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry. In politics he is a Republican. His first Presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen for a num-

ber of years, was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1876, was Representative to the legislature for the years 1873 and 1874; and he has been on the Board of County Commissioners for four years. In the campaign of 1894 he just missed nomination for the State Senate.

**F**ORREST V. BARRETT, V.S., a graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College, who is now practising his profession with success in Peterboro, Hillsboro County, was born in Bennington, N.H., March 28, 1857. His parents are Lund and Mary E. (Tirrell) Barrett, the former of whom is a native of Stoddard, N.H., and the latter of Keene, this State.

Luther Barrett, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was for many years a farmer in the town of Stoddard, where he died at the age of sixty-three years. He wedded Mary Greene, who lived to be seventy years old. She was a member of the Congregational church. Luther and Mary (Greene) Barrett were the parents of seven children, four of whom are living; namely, William A., Lund, Elvira, and Aleesta. William A. wedded Maria Fredenburg, of Stoddard, and has six children — Ida, Frank, Fred, Charles, Catherine, and May. Elvira is the widow of Samuel Wilson, late of Springfield, Mass., and has one daughter, Lillia. Aleesta is the wife of Fred Pitcher, of Keene, and her children are: Rosa, Victoria, Viola, Flora, and Walter, of whom Victoria and Viola are twins. Lund Barrett, father of Forrest V., resided in Stoddard during his earlier years, but is now a resident of Gilsum, N.H. His wife, Mary E. Tirrell Barrett, is the mother of three children, as follows: Elwyn O., who wedded Matilda Curtis, of Antrim, N.H., and has one daughter, Mary; Forrest V., the subject of this sketch; and Minnie M., wife of George Leach, of Gilsum, who has two children — Carl and Helen.

Forrest V. Barrett acquired his early education in the schools of Stoddard and Marlow. Deciding to adopt the profession of a veterinary surgeon, he entered the Veterinary Col-

lege in Toronto, Ont., and was graduated in 1895. He immediately located in Peterboro, where he has since remained, and he has already gained a good reputation for skill and success in his chosen calling.

On March 2, 1881, Dr. Barrett was united in marriage with Miss Josie E. Scott, daughter of James H. Scott, of Stoddard. Politically, he is a Republican. Mrs. Barrett is a member of the Congregational church.

**C**HARLES S. NESMITH, a prosperous merchant and business man of Reed's Ferry, Hillsboro County, was born in Merrimac, N.H., September 30, 1849, son of Samuel C. and Elizabeth (McKeen) Nesmith. Samuel C. Nesmith was a native of Londonderry, N.H., and his active life was spent in the employ of the Old Concord Railroad Company. He died at the age of forty-seven years. His wife, Elizabeth, who was born in Nashua, N.H., became the mother of three sons: Charles S., the subject of this sketch; William C., a grocery clerk in Manchester, N.H.; and Edward M., superintendent of a soap manufactory in Boston. The mother died at about the age of forty-seven years.

Charles S. Nesmith was educated in the schools of Merrimac and Nashua. In early life he worked for the Old Concord Railroad Company for a time, but finally engaged in the real estate business at Reed's Ferry, which he still carries on. He deals quite extensively in town lots and agricultural property, owns some desirably located residences here, and is also largely interested in timber lands. He is also engaged in the grocery business as a partner in the firm of Haseltine & Co. He subscribed liberally to the capital stock of the Merrimac Shoe Manufacturing Company, which was organized in 1895, and he is its treasurer. This concern employs from forty to fifty hands, and makes a specialty of ladies' and misses' fine footwear. It is equipped with the latest improved machinery, and is propelled by an excellent water-power.

Politically, Mr. Nesmith is a Democrat. He has been Town Treasurer for three years,

a member of the School Board for an equal length of time, and for the past eleven years has acted as sole trustee of the school funds. He has been a Justice of the Peace for twenty years. On June 27, 1875, he was joined in marriage with Ellen E. Worthley, of Bedford, N.H. Notwithstanding the recent and present business depression which has been felt in all parts of the country, his various interests are in a most flourishing condition, which speaks well for his ability and good judgment.

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**G**EORGE I. CUTLER, M.D., who has practised his profession in Swanzey for over thirty years, was born in Keene, N.H., December 10, 1833, son of Gardner C. and Olive H. (Watts) Cutler. His first American ancestor was James Cutler, who emigrated from England, and settled in Watertown, Mass., in 1634. Jonas Cutler, his grandfather, resided in Hinsdale, N.H., for some years, and afterward lived in Guilford and Brattleboro, Vt.

Gardner Chandler Cutler, Dr. Cutler's father, was born in Guilford and reared in Brattleboro. He located upon a farm in Keene about the year 1832, and some years later he removed to Charlestown, N.H., where he was engaged in general farming for some time. His last days were spent in Alstead, N.H. His wife, Olive, who was a native of Charlestown, became the mother of seven children, three of whom are living, namely: George I., the subject of this sketch; Caroline A., born August 8, 1842, who married a Mr. Colburn, and is now a widow, residing in Alstead; and Sarah E., born July 23, 1845, who is now the widow of Silas Livergood, and resides in Iowa Falls, Ia. The others were: Gardner C., born January 12, 1831, who died September 4, 1839; Louise M., born December 18, 1836, died September 4, 1839; Olive Louisa, born March 18, 1840, who died May 12, 1854; and Elizabeth S. P. Cutler, born November 6, 1848, who died June 15, 1858.

George I. Cutler attended the high schools of Alstead and Brattleboro, and was a pupil at the Westminster Seminary for several terms. Afterward he taught school for a number of

years until 1860, when he began the study of medicine with Dr. D. L. M. Cummings. Later he was under the guidance of Dr. William M. French in Alstead. He then completed the course of the medical department of the University of Vermont, and graduated with a large class in 1864. In the following February he located in West Swanzey, where he has since resided. His practice extends over a wide circuit, embracing the adjoining towns. Although several other physicians have attempted to locate here, he has maintained his position without difficulty. In politics he is a Democrat. In 1866 he was chosen a member of the School Board and the Superintendent of Schools. The latter office he held until the old régime gave place to the new. He is now chairman of the Board. Under his able direction the old district system has been superseded by graded schools with able instructors. He has been Town Clerk since 1867, and has acted as a Justice of the Peace for many years. With the exception of one year he has served as superintendent of the library since its establishment; and during the two terms of President Cleveland's administration he served as United States Pension Examining Surgeon at Keene. He is a member of the New Hampshire State, Cheshire County, and Connecticut River Medical Societies; of Golden Rod Grange, Patrons of Husbandry; of the Order of the Golden Cross; and of Social Friends Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., having been made a Mason in 1857. Dr. Cutler married E. Jennie Aldrich, daughter of Arvin Aldrich, Esq., of East Westmoreland, N.H. His practice has proved successful financially as well as otherwise, and he erected his present residence in 1894.

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**F**RANK E. KALEY, the treasurer of the Morse & Kaley Manufacturing Company, of Milford, a man of recognized business ability, and an esteemed resident of the town, was born March 13, 1856, in Canton, Mass., son of the Hon. Timothy Kaley.

Timothy Kaley, who was born and bred in Ireland, and came from there to America in

his boyhood, was an energetic, ambitious youth. Quickly adapting himself to his new surroundings, he showed aptitude for business and mechanical employments. In 1840 he established himself in business at Canton, Mass., as a manufacturer of knitting yarns of all kinds, remaining there until 1860. Then he removed his home and factory to Milford, N.H., where he was prosperously engaged in the same occupation until his demise in September, 1882. Beginning with a limited capital, he gradually increased his business, manufacturing in addition to knitting yarns and cotton, crochet cotton, crochet cord, embroidery cotton, darning cotton, and mending worsted.

In politics he was identified with the Republican party, and he served acceptably in both houses of the State legislature. Good service was also rendered by him in the temperance cause. He married Miss Sarah Hersey.

Frank E. Kaley, the only child of Timothy Kaley, being but four years old when his parents removed to Milford, was reared and educated in this town. As soon as he was old enough to be of use, he began working under his father's instruction in the latter's factory, becoming familiar with the details of its management. Having in a manner succeeded to his father's interests in the same, he is now a member of the firm above mentioned. The plant is one of the largest of the kind in the vicinity. An average of seventy-five hands are employed, and each month there is turned out a large quantity of varied goods, which are well known in the New England markets. Mr. Kaley, who is held in high esteem as a business man and a citizen, served for two terms as a Representative to the State legislature. He was a member of Governor Currier's staff, with the rank of Colonel. Earnestly interested in local affairs, he is one of the organizers of the Milford Building and Loan Association, which he has since served as president. He is likewise one of the directors of the Souhegan National Bank. He affiliates with the Republican party, and he is a Mason and an Odd Fellow. On October 12, 1885, Mr. Kaley married Miss Harriet

E., daughter of the late William R. Wallace, of Milford. They have one child, named Barbara.

**A**LBERT M. PHILBRICK, a representative citizen of Amherst and a well-known hotel man, was born in Lempster, this State, August 15, 1846. His parents were Joseph and Clarinda (Fuller) Philbrick. His mother, now ninety-one years old, is living at Amherst. The family came here in 1860. Some years later the father died, leaving three children. These were: Sylvia, now Mrs. Welton, of Amherst; Charles W., who resides in Boston; and Albert M., the subject of this sketch.

Albert M. Philbrick attended the public schools of Amherst and later a private school in Nashua, receiving a training that fitted him for practical business life. Beginning at the age of fourteen years, he worked for a time as a farm hand. When eighteen years old he went to Boston, and was employed as clerk in a grocery store. Some time after he came back to Amherst, and engaged in lumbering and general agriculture. He is prominent in social circles and in all public movements in the town. For four years he has been Selectman, having been the chairman of the Board for a part of the time. He is a member of the Souhegan Grange at Amherst.

In 1895 Mr. Philbrick leased Hotel Ponemah at Milford, and managed it during that season. In the following year he and Charles C. Swett, of Boston, purchased the property. The village of Milford, containing about thirty-five hundred inhabitants, and only fifty-one miles distant from Boston, is one of the most picturesquely situated of the many New Hampshire towns which are sought in summer by tourists and pleasure-seekers. It combines the attractions of country life with the comforts of the town, having an electric lighting system, public water-works and drainage, a public library, and well-kept streets and fine roads. It is situated in a valley through which runs the smooth-gliding Souhegan, and

is surrounded by many beautiful hills, whose names have become classic in the literature of America through the poems of Whittier and the prose of Hawthorne. Hotel Ponemah is built upon a commanding site on the east side of Federal Hill, and looks out over as fine a sweep of landscape as can perhaps be found in any country the world over. From the tower on the south may be seen on a clear day, looking northward, the peaks of Old Joe English in New Boston; the "twin Uncannooneus, stately and tall," in Goffstown; rugged Chocorua; sloping Kearsarge, "lifting his Titan forehead to the sun"; Ossipee, Croydon, Sunapee, Crochet, and Moosilauke, with others of less note. On the east are Sugar Loaf, Agamenticus, Teneriffe, Saddleback, and others in Maine, with Pawtuckaway in New Hampshire; on the south, Wachusett, and, between stretches of green meadow lands, the blue of lake or stream, or the darker tinges of forest lands. The hotel was built in 1882, and has proved to be one of the most popular summer resorts in this section of the State. It is eight hundred feet above sea level, and is surrounded by about four hundred acres of field and woodland, which are at the disposal of the guests during their stay here. The famous Milford Spring mineral water, also known as the Ponemah water, which is now used exclusively at the Brunswick and Victoria Hotels in Boston, is obtained from a beautiful spring situated just below the hotel. Its health-giving properties are well known, and the guests of the house have ample opportunity to test it as it comes sparkling from its secret caverns. At the bottling-house also are prepared ginger ale, lemon, orange, and other flavored drinks for the table service. The hotel itself, especially attractive in architectural effect, has an artistic setting in its well-kept grounds. It is a long, three-story house, with a broad veranda reaching all around it, approached by wide and comfortable steps on three sides, with a stairway on the east side leading to the spring. Inside are wide hallways connecting the dining-rooms, parlors, reading-rooms, and office. The parlors are tastefully and luxuriously furnished; and the dining-room is spa-

cious, well lighted, and made cheerful on a cool morning or damp evening by the ruddy glow from the open fireplaces. Although fitted with the most approved apparatus for steam heating, fireplaces, of which there are about a dozen, constitute one of the satisfying features of the house. Any one who has been a guest at a White Mountain hotel knows the comfortable sensation imparted by a glowing fire in an open grate when the weather outside is forbidding. The hotel has fifty-five rooms, and contains all modern appliances for the comfort of its guests, including gas and a perfect system of electric bells. As for entertainment there is never any lack of that. There is every facility for tennis, croquet, bowling, dancing, driving, golf, etc. Besides the Saturday evening hops, accompanied by a full orchestra, there is plenty of music every evening, and usually a dancing party. Then there are card parties, amateur theatricals, costume parties, and all sorts of improvised house entertainments. Many of the guests bring their carriages with them for the season, and there are constant driving parties. There is a livery stable under the personal management of Mr. Philbrick, who is constantly planning drives; and the tally-ho is frequently to be seen, loaded with a jolly picnic party. One of the pleasant short drives is that to Amherst station, which is about two miles distant, the nearest stopping-place on the Boston & Maine road. Among the well-known resorts within easy driving distance are: Purgatory in Mont Vernon, Bedford's Ravine in Bedford, Lake Baboosie and Amherst Springs in Amherst, Lake Potanipo in Brookline, and Miller Park on Pack Monadnock Mountains. While looking out so well for the pleasure and amusement of his guests, Mr. Philbrick has been no less mindful of their health. The house is provided with the latest sanitary plumbing, and has ample protections against fire. The health-giving winds which sweep down from the higher New Hampshire hills are a sufficient defence against all other possibilities of contagion.

Mr. Philbrick's most valued adviser and ablest coadjutor is his wife, in maidenhood

Mary E. Ober, to whom he was married July 18, 1866. She is a native of Amherst, and both her parents were born in this town. They were John Ober, who died in March, 1867, and Rebecca (Kendrick) Ober, who, now eighty-six years old, resides with Mrs. Philbrick, her only surviving child. The Kendrick family is of English origin. Mrs. Philbrick's great-great-grandfather, Benjamin, was one of two brothers who came to this country in 1639, and settled in what was formerly called Monson, now a part of Amherst, where Benjamin became owner of large tracts of land. He was the first Town Clerk of Amherst. Mr. Philbrick's only child, Charles, who was last year graduated from the Milford schools, is a prime favorite with the guests by reason of his obliging disposition and skill in all the outdoor sports and indoor entertainments.

**E**DWARD P. KIMBALL, of Troy, who has been a Deputy Sheriff of the county for nearly fifty-five years, was born in Hillsboro, N.H., February 23, 1819, son of Retire and Lucy (Bell) Kimball. The father, who followed the occupations of tanner, currier, and shoemaker in Hillsboro Bridge, and was Colonel of the Twenty-sixth New Hampshire Regiment of militia, died at the latter place in 1830.

Young Kimball was educated at the private schools in the vicinity of his home. After the death of his father he went to live with an uncle, who kept a store, and required him to sleep in the store at night. After two years of such hardship he went to Francestown, where he earned his board by working on a farm, also gaining some schooling during this time. He then learned the hat and cap business in the store of Benjamin F. Grosvenor at Hillsboro Bridge, and became the fur buyer for his employer. In 1836 he came to Troy with Mr. Grosvenor, who opened a hat and cap store here. At the end of four years he bought out his employer, and, adding groceries and general merchandise to his stock, he has since built up a large and successful business. In politics he is a Democrat. He

has been Deputy Sheriff of the county since 1844, he held the office of High Sheriff for two years, and he was the Postmaster of Troy under Presidents Pierce and Buchanan.

On July 9, 1844, Mr. Kimball married Mary A. Fairbanks, of Troy, daughter of Cyrus Fairbanks. They have three children, two of whom are now living—Charles and Warren W. Charles, a resident of Troy, married Abbie L. Farrar, who is now deceased, and has one daughter, Bessie F. Warren W. is now a partner in his father's business, and has been the Postmaster three times. Mr. Kimball, Sr., has been Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Town Agent, and he rendered valuable service to the town as a member of a committee appointed to adjust the village lines, improve the public common, relocate the town hall, and to transact other important town business. He has long been a member of the Masonic order, and is the only living charter member of the Troy Lodge.

**J**OEL H. ELLIOT, one of the most prominent lumbermen and well-to-do residents of Greenville, was born in Mason, N.H., June 16, 1835, son of Joel and Anna A. (Shedd) Elliot. The paternal grandfather, Elias Elliot, who was a native of Pepperell, Mass., accompanied his father to Mason when he was fourteen years old, and there assisted in clearing a farm, which he subsequently inherited, and became a successful agriculturist. He utilized the water-power of a brook upon his premises by erecting a saw and grist mill, in which he manufactured considerable lumber. He was industrious and prosperous, and lived to be eighty-eight years old. His wife, whose maiden name was Ruth Lawrence, died at about the same age. They were the parents of seven children.

Joel Elliot, born on the homestead in Mason, was reared to farm life. Succeeding to the property, he added much land to the original tract, and at his death possessed about one thousand acres. A tireless worker, when not busy with his regular farm duties he constructed stone walls and made other improvements. In politics he was a Democrat. He

died in February, 1870. His wife, Anna, who was a daughter of Silas Shedd, of Pepperell, Mass., became the mother of three children, of whom Eliza and Joel H. are living. Eliza married for her first husband Edward Keyes, of Wilton, N.H. She is now the wife of William Wright, of Brookline, N.H., and has two children. The mother died in 1888. She was a member of the Baptist church.

Joel H. Elliot was educated in the schools of Mason. When a young man he engaged in tilling the soil at the homestead. He resided there some forty years, and for about twenty years he worked in a saw-mill in Mason. In 1875 he erected the residence in Greenville where he has since lived. He continues to cultivate the home farm, and also conducts quite an extensive lumber business. He owns about one thousand acres of land in Mason, besides a farm of two hundred and twenty acres in Greenville; and he has erected several tenement houses here as an investment. He is an active business man as well as one of the wealthiest residents of this town.

On March 26, 1874, Mr. Elliot was united in marriage with Ellen C. Raddin, daughter of Joshua H. and Martha J. (Tarbell) Raddin. Her father, who was a prosperous farmer of Billerica, Mass., died at the age of sixty-one; and her mother lived to be seventy-six years old. They had four children, of whom the other survivor is Marion, the wife of James F. Russell, of Wilton, N.H. Both parents were Baptists in religion. Mr. Elliot acts with the Republican party in politics. He and Mrs. Elliot attend the Congregational church.

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**S**AMUEL S. SAWYER, an extensive dairyman and cattle dealer of Antrim and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Bedford, N.H., November 8, 1836, son of Edmund and Nancy J. (Steele) Sawyer. His great-grandfather, Enoch Sawyer (first), who came from Ireland, was one of the early settlers of Goffstown. Enoch was a prominent man of that locality in his day, and represented the district in the General Court. He married a lady named Little.

Enoch Sawyer (second), grandfather of Samuel S., was a native of Goffstown. When a young man he came as a pioneer to Antrim, and cleared and improved a farm, which he cultivated for the rest of his active period. He married Lucy Simonds, and had a family of six children, of whom Edmund was the third-born, but none of whom are now living. Edmund Sawyer was born in Antrim, and grew to manhood upon the farm. He learned the blacksmith's trade, which he afterward followed in Bedford and Antrim for more than forty years. His death occurred in the last-named town at the age of eighty-six years. By industry and thrift he acquired a good estate. He was respected by the entire community as an upright, conscientious citizen. In his later years he was a Republican, while in religion he was a Presbyterian. His wife, Nancy, who was a daughter of Samuel Steele, of Antrim, became the mother of two children, namely: Samuel S., the subject of this sketch; and Mary F., the wife of D. P. Bryer, of Antrim. Mrs. Edmund Sawyer died at the age of seventy-five years.

Samuel S. Sawyer came with his parents from Bedford to Antrim when he was six months old. His education, begun in the schools of this town, was completed at the Peterboro Academy. After spending a year engaged in the grocery business in Milford, Mass., as a member of the firm of Sawyer & Parmenter, he returned to Antrim and engaged in farming. For many years he has been engaged in the milk business, and is also an extensive dealer in cattle. Besides the home-stead property he owns a valuable farm in Windsor, N.H. He is one of the most thrifty and progressive agriculturists in this section. In politics he is a Republican. For sixteen years he served the town ably and faithfully in an official capacity. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen for ten years, being the chairman of the Board for five years of the time. For two years he was Town Treasurer. He has also served as Supervisor of the Check List, and he represented the town in the legislature for the years 1879 and 1880.

On May 18, 1861, Mr. Sawyer was united in marriage with Mary Day, daughter of

Robert Day, of Peterboro. Mrs. Sawyer is the mother of five children—Willis H., Eva L., Georgianna, Alice B., and Harry G. Willis H. Sawyer, M.D., who is a graduate of Tufts College and of the Medical College of New York, is now practising his profession in Boston. He wedded Mabel Ladd. Eva L. is the wife of Watson B. Fearing, of Dorchester, Mass., and has two children—Ruth and Ralph. Georgianna is now Mrs. John S. Nesmith, of Antrim. Alice B. is teaching school in Hillsboro, N.H. Harry G., who is unmarried, is engaged in the milk business in Dorchester, Mass. Mr. Sawyer has been connected with Harmony Lodge, F. & A. M., for the past thirty-two years, and has occupied some of its important chairs.

**F**RANCIS C. MINOR, a retired woollen manufacturer of Gilsum, Cheshire County, and a veteran of the Civil War, is a native of Canada, born June 12, 1832. His parents, Robert and Margaret (Lambert) Minor, were natives of the British Provinces, as was also his grandfather, Joseph Minor. The last named was a farmer, and reared a large family. Robert Minor was an industrious tiller of the soil during the active period of his life. He was the father of four children—Joseph, Celia, Josephine, and Francis C.

Francis C. Minor attended schools in Canada and in Northfield, Vt. He learned the woollen manufacturing business in the Green Mountain State, and followed it in various places until 1867 and after that date in Gilsum, being associated with the late Robert Cuthbert. He subsequently became a member of the Gilsum Woollen Manufacturing Company, and retained his interest in that concern until the fall of 1896, when he retired from business. Mr. Minor enlisted in Company E, Fifteenth Regiment Vermont Volunteers, with which he served one year in the Civil War, participating in the battle of Gettysburg. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. He has been active in public affairs, supporting the Republican party in politics; and as a member of the House of Representatives in

1879 he served upon the Committee on Reform Schools. He is connected with the Masonic fraternity, being made a Mason in De Witt Clinton Lodge of Northfield, Vt., and belongs to the Patrons of Husbandry. He is a member of the Congregational church.

In 1855 Mr. Minor was joined in marriage with Emily F. Thompson, who was born in Gilsum, July 11, 1834, daughter of John and Sarah (Winchester) Thompson. She has been the mother of three sons: Frank L., born in Keene, May 7, 1857; Elmer E., born in Northfield, Vt., July 2, 1861; and Charles C., who was drowned at the age of five years. Frank L. Minor, who was in the woollen manufacturing business, married Irene Polly, and died in 1880. Elmer E. Minor, who was educated at the Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N.H., is now engaged in mercantile business in Gilsum. He married Viola Pitcher, who was born in Sullivan, N.H., March 13, 1868, daughter of Frederick L. Pitcher, of Keene. He has two children: Frank C., born in Keene, December 28, 1889; and Paul L., born in Gilsum, August 22, 1893.

**J**OSEPH P. TROW, a prosperous and highly respected agriculturist of Amherst, owning and occupying a valuable homestead property on Christian Hill, was born in Mont Vernon, September 26, 1826, son of Joseph Trow, Jr. The Trow family have been prominently identified with the industrial interests of Hillsboro County for many generations. The great-grandfather of Joseph P. was a pioneer settler of Mont Vernon; and Joseph Trow, Sr., the grandfather, it is supposed was a lifelong resident of that place.

Joseph Trow, Jr., who was born and reared in Mont Vernon, there spent the remainder of his life, which lasted more than fourscore years, chiefly engaged in farming. Widely known as a man of just and honest principles, industrious and thrifty, he was held in high esteem. In politics he was identified with the Democratic party. He married Sally Perkins, who was born in Mont Vernon. Her father, Joseph Perkins, was a soldier in the Revolu-

tionary army and a descendant of one of the original settlers of that place. Of her children three are living, namely: Almita L., the wife of Charles Forsaith, of Mont Vernon; Henry H., also of Mont Vernon; and Joseph P., the subject of this biography.

Joseph P. Trow grew to manhood in his native town, receiving such educational advantages as were afforded the boys of his day, and assisting in the lighter duties of the farm. For a short time in his early life he was employed in the Amoskeag Cotton Mills of Manchester, N. H. Afterward he purchased his present farm of one hundred acres, whereon he has since successfully carried on general farming and dairying. He has taken an active and intelligent part in promoting the best interests of the town. For four years he served most satisfactorily as Selectman, being chairman of the Board throughout the period of his service. He is a Democrat in his political views.

On January 8, 1850, Mr. Trow married Miss Fannie F. Underwood, who was born in Mont Vernon, daughter of the late William and Naomi (Wilkins) Underwood, and a grand-daughter of Thomas Underwood, an old and respected resident of that part of Hillsboro County. Her father, who was born and reared in Amherst, later became a resident of Mont Vernon, where his death occurred some time ago. Her mother, now an active woman of eighty-three years, contracted a second marriage with John McCollie, of Amherst. Mr. and Mrs. Trow are the parents of two children, namely: Clarence L., a resident of Miltord, this county; and George A., who lives on the home farm. Mrs. Trow has been a true helpmate and counsellor to her husband. Both she and Mr. Trow are active members of Southern Grange, No. 10, of Amherst.

**D**WID N. HAYDEN, junior partner in the firm of Hayden Brothers, Hollis, Hillsboro County, N. H., third Representative to the General Court from this town for the session of 1803-04, was born in Hollis, August 1, 1812, son of Samuel and Harriet Needham Hayden. Mr. Hayden's great-grandfather, Thomas

Hayden, was a Massachusetts man, living in the town of Stow, and spent his whole life in that State.

His son, Josiah, was the founder of the family in Hollis, coming here when but five years old, and growing to be a sturdy frontiersman. He was a trapper, keen and alert; and during good seasons the number of pelts dressed by him ran very high, and brought him large returns. He was also engaged in the making of pitch and turpentine; and, building a saw-mill, he laid the foundations of the extensive milling and lumbering business still so successfully carried on by his descendants, a saw-mill on the same site being now run by Hayden Brothers. Josiah Hayden died in Hollis at the age of fifty-six years. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Patch, lived to a good old age, affectionately cared for by her children and grandchildren. Josiah Hayden was a Whig and a member of the Congregational church. His sons and grandsons have imbibed his political principles, and are all good Republicans. They are also Congregationalists in religion, and most of them are members of the church. All of the nine children of Josiah and Mary Hayden lived to grow to maturity, and all are now deceased.

Samuel Bailey, of Andover, Mass., great-grandfather of the Hayden Brothers on the maternal side, had a son James who was in the Continental army in 1775. Hearing that there was to be a battle in the vicinity of Boston on the 17th of June, he was so worried about his son that he left his plough in the field, took his gun and powder-horn, and hastened to the scene of action, arriving at Bunker Hill just as the British troops were charging. Without enlisting, he joined the brave defenders for the redoubt, and shortly received his death wound. A neighbor reported that he saw him lying on the field, his hand upon his side and the blood flowing through his fingers. He asked this neighbor, "How goes the day?" "Our men are on the retreat, for we are out of powder." The dying hero said, "Take wine." The British occupied the field, and buried Mr. Bailey there. The son whom the father failed to see live through the war, and his musket and powder-horn are still preserved.

## BIOGRAPHICAL REVIEW

Samuel Hayden, a son named the eldest Samuelish Hayden, enjoyed the most favor, and was diligently engaged in running and other rural pursuits throughout the greater part of his long and useful life. He was an eminently worthy representative citizen of the town, being a man of high Christian character, active in the church, and a Captain in the state militia. The Hon. H. G. Little, of Gilmanton, La., in his book "Recollections of Hills Seventy Years ago," said of Samuel Hayden, father of the Hayden Brothers, that "he was one of the best specimens of manhood, both morally and physically ever raised in Hills." He married Harriet Needham, of Milford, daughter of Stevens Needham, who was a member of the Old Northam family, and whose wife was a Bellamy. Six children, four sons and two daughters, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hayden; of all are now living except John W. Hayden, a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, who died Febt. 20, 1862, in the Regimental Hospital, New York City, at twenty-three years of age. S. Franklin Hayden, the eldest child, was in the Fifteenth New Hampshire Regiment, and was at the siege of Fort Wagner, a snare of death. He lives in Hills, and is engaged in farming. Mary Elizabeth Hayden married John L. Woods, and lives on the Captain Taylor farm in Hills. The other daughter, Mrs. Emily H. Rider, who was a noted school teacher in her younger days, is now living with her daughter, at Winter Hill, N.H.

Daniel W. Hayden, senior partner in the firm of Hayden Brothers, is a well-known, public-spirited citizen. Serving in the Civil War as a member of the Seventh Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, he was wounded at the charge of Fort Wagner, and was carried to the hospital at Hilton Head, S.C., at the battle of Charleston. Here he was dangerously wounded by shell and left on the field for dead; but after a while he regained consciousness, and was assisted from the field by a Massachusetts regiment and taken a second time to the Hilton Head Hospital, where he remained for several months. He was finally discharged from the hospital of his wounds. He is a Quaker and Past Commander of the H. H. W. Chapter.

Past G. A. R. Bro. of the same Chapter, selected as the H. H. W. Chaplain, married Miss Alice L. Farnsworth, a daughter of Dr. J. C. Farnsworth, of Westfield, a highly educated woman, and while attending the Academy taught for fifteen years and taught music. Their daughter, Bertha M. Hayden, is a graduate, having studied at the Boston Conservatory.

David N. Hayden, with whom we find the next biography, was born in Hills, and resides in Hills, and was educated at the New Hampshire Institute, which he attended when now under the charge of Dr. L. C. Day. In early life Mr. Hayden was a large boy, and his height made as high as ten feet when he died. He is a widower, and the widow of his wife, Mrs. Hayden, died April 1, 1887, aged 72 years. They were between seven and eightty years old, and with their now late great-nephew, George W. Hale, of State Mills, and his wife, a widow, and a young four-year-old girl, Mrs. Hale. Mr. Hayden has six sons and three daughters, and his and his late wife's children are the parents of ten grandchildren. Mr. C. C. Hale, the son of George and Emily Hayden, died April 1, 1887, after a term as Representative to the New Hampshire Legislature.

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**D**WIGHT WILLSTILL, of Hillsborough, formerly the member of the New Hampshire Legislature from Hillsborough, was born in this town January 26, 1816, son of Dr. and Mrs. James Willstill Stearns. Nathaniel Stearns, his grandfather, who was born in the town of Stearns Stearns, some distance from Hillsborough, and died at Princeton, N.J., in 1801, was a native of Newfane, Mass., and a son of Dr. John Stearns, who is now H. H. W. Chaplain. Dr. John Stearns was a surgeon, and had five children. His oldest son, Nathaniel Stearns, who was born in 1774, in this town, became a Quaker for the greater part of his life, and a member of the Society of Friends. He was a son of Daniel Stearns, H. H. W. Chaplain.

Shattuck (first), who located on Merry Meadow, in 1736 built a fort over the brook. This fort was partially burned by the Indians in 1746. On September 25, 1753, when the town of Hinsdale was organized, he was chosen a Selectman. Daniel Shattuck (second), who served as a soldier at Fort Dummer in 1756, and commanded a company at the battle of Stillwater in 1777, was twice married, and reared seven children. Walter Stearns was the father of several children; but only two of his sons, Elliott and John, settled in Hinsdale.

John Stearns, the father of Dwight W., was born in this town, August 10, 1801. When a young man he bought the Shattuck farm, a large and productive piece of agricultural property, upon which he resided for over half a century. He was a successful farmer and cattle dealer, and widely known throughout Northern New England as an excellent judge of horses. At one time he was part owner of the American House in Brattleboro, Vt., and of the Ashuelot House in Hinsdale. When at middle age he had acquired a good estate. Though not actively concerned in public affairs, he exercised much influence in politics, while his business ability was a valuable factor in developing the resources of Hinsdale. For many years his home was noted in this section for its hospitality and good cheer; and the genial host, who could both enjoy and relate amusing stories, was a general favorite with all who knew him. On February 25, 1825, John Stearns married Esther Webster, of Northfield, Mass., a most estimable lady, and a relative of Noah Webster, the lexicographer. She became the mother of eight children; namely, Jane R., Elvira, Dwight W., Janette, Franklin, Newton, Charles, and Ellen. Jane R. married Leroy Preston, and resides in West Northfield; Elvira is the wife of D. S. Saunderson; Franklin married Martha Tyler; Janette married Leander Thomas; and Ellen is the wife of George P. Slate. The death of the mother in 1878 was such a severe shock to her husband that he was unable to recover from its effects. He gradually withdrew from the world, rarely leaving his home during the last

two years of his life; and he died December 2, 1884.

Dwight Webster Stearns is one of the leading farmers of Hinsdale. In politics he was always a Republican. First elected Selectman in 1863, he afterward held that office for eighteen consecutive years, serving as chairman of the Board for many terms. In this year, 1897, he is again Selectman. He was a member of the State House of Representatives in 1889 and 1890, and there served on the Agricultural College Committee. He has been a trustee of the Hinsdale Savings Bank since its organization.

Mr. Stearns married for his first wife Hannah Smith, daughter of Daniel Smith, of Winchester, and became the father of five children. These are: Edda Esther, who married Frank R. Stratton; Nellie A., the wife of Fred A. Adams, of South Vernon; Dora E., who married Ernest E. Stratton, of Hinsdale; Willis D., who resides at home; and Julia E., a graduate of the Moody School, Northfield, Mass., and now a teacher in the Springfield High School. Willis D. Stearns, who is an energetic and progressive young man, was elected Selectman in 1896. The mother died in July, 1870.



WILLIAM HERBERT PRENTISS, of Keene, eldest son of John W. and Elinor (May) Prentiss, was born in Keene, N.H., March 22, 1852. His father died when he was ten years of age. He attended the common schools in Keene and subsequently the high schools in Keene and Greenfield, Mass. After preparing for college in Ithaca, N.Y., he entered Cornell University, becoming a member of the class of 1874. As the completion of a college course required expenditures which he could not otherwise meet, and for which he was unwilling to be indebted to others, he obtained employment in the office of the *Ithaca Democrat*, with the purpose of learning the trade of printer, through the kindness of his friend, B. R. Williams, the editor and one of the proprietors of that paper.

In 1872 circumstances made it expedient

for him to return to Keene to live with his mother, who needed his presence at home; and soon after, upon the request of his grandfather, the Hon. John Prentiss, who founded the New Hampshire *Sentinel* in 1709, he was given a position in the job printing department of the *Sentinel* establishment. In that office, supplemented by a short experience in the establishment of Alfred Mudge & Son, of Boston, he completed his theoretical knowledge of the business of a printer and publisher. In March, 1880, he purchased a third-interest in the business of the *Sentinel* Printing Company, and became the city or local editor of the New Hampshire *Sentinel*, the establishment presenting to him particularly pleasing associations from the fact that his grandfather and his father had been its earliest proprietors. On the establishment of the Keene *Evening Sentinel* in 1890, he became city editor of that paper also, which position, at this writing, he still holds.

On November 21, 1892, at Swampscott, Mass., he married Mary Ann Adams, a daughter of George Frederick Hurd, of that town. They have one child, Mary Elinor, born December 30, 1893. Having previously served Keene in minor town offices, Mr. Prentiss represented Ward One in the legislature of 1881.

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**C**YRUS PORTER COLBY, an active and enterprising farmer of Milford, N.H., and a veteran of the late

Civil War, was born July 31, 1845, in Sandown, Rockingham County. He is descended from an old and respected family of New England. One of his ancestors, John Colby, while serving in the French and Indian War under Colonel Ebenezer Hinsdale, was captured by the Indians near Hinsdale Fort on the Connecticut River, July 22, 1755, and taken by them to Montreal. He was held in captivity, but received kindly treatment, until Montreal was taken by General Amherst in September, 1760. He arrived home in the following October, having in his possession several articles given him by the Indians, which are still

preserved by the family. Two comrades of John, captured at the same time, were scalped. The fifth generation of the family are living in the old house built by this ancestor in 1760 and 1761. It is also recorded of him that he gave the land on which the old church was built in 1773-74. This building is still in good repair, and is used every year for town meeting. John Colby received no pay for his five years' service as a soldier.

Amos Colby, the father of Cyrus P., after a lifelong residence in Sandown, died there, March 22, 1894, at the age of seventy-one years. He married Mary A. Sanborn, also a native of Sandown, and a daughter of John Sanborn, who served his country in the War of 1812. She died in early life, leaving several children, of whom the survivors are: Cyrus P., the subject of this sketch; John L., of Sandown; and George E., of Salina, Kan. Cyrus P. Colby was but six years old when his mother died. From that time until he was twelve years of age he lived with an aunt in South New Market, N.H. Going then to the neighboring town of Danville, he made his home with an uncle of his mother's for four years. On October 12, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Seventh New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and during the greater part of his term of enlistment, which expired June 6, 1862, he was on guard duty. On March 17, 1864, he re-enlisted, joining Company B, Third Massachusetts Cavalry, which was assigned to the Nineteenth Army Corps, under General N. P. Banks. When the corps returned from the Red River campaign, it was made a part of Sheridan's army, which was then stationed in the Shenandoah Valley. Mr. Colby subsequently participated in the battle of Winchester and in the engagements at Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek. At the latter place he was captured by the Confederates. He was kept in confinement for five months, first in Pemberton Prison, then at Salisbury, N.C., and later at Libby Prison, from which he was paroled, finally receiving his honorable discharge from the service, June 10, 1865. While a prisoner he suffered terrible hardships and privations, which permanently undermined his health. After being

honorably discharged June 10, 1865, he returned to New England, locating in Nashua, where he worked at the trade of an iron moulder for several years. For the succeeding five years he was employed as fireman on the Boston & Albany Railroad between Boston and Worcester. In 1876 he bought his present farm of fifty acres in Milford, and has since been profitably engaged in agriculture. In politics he is a loyal Republican.

On November 28, 1866, Mr. Colby married Miss Abbie J. Colburn, who was born in Hollis, N.H., daughter of Washington and Relief (Wright) Colburn, natives respectively of Milford and Dunstable, Mass. He has now four children, namely: Grace E., wife of Arthur W. Merrill, of this town; Charles H.; Minnie J.; and Mary B. He belongs to Granite Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., of Nashua; is a comrade of O. W. Lull Post, No. 11, G. A. R.; and he and Mrs. Colby are charter members of Custos Morum, Rebekah Lodge, No. 23, of Odd Fellows of Milford. Both are also active and valued members of the Baptist church.



ORA MONROE, a retired farmer of Marlboro, Cheshire County, N.H., and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Marlow, this county, December 17, 1819, son of Isaac and Fanny (Robb) Monroe. Isaac Monroe, who was a native of Carlisle, Mass., cleared a farm in Marlow, where he resided for many years. He was also at one time a resident of Stoddard, N.H. He lived to be eighty-four years old. His wife, Fanny Robb Monroe, whom he married in Marlow, became the mother of seven children, of whom the only survivors are: Isaac O.; and Ora, the subject of this sketch.

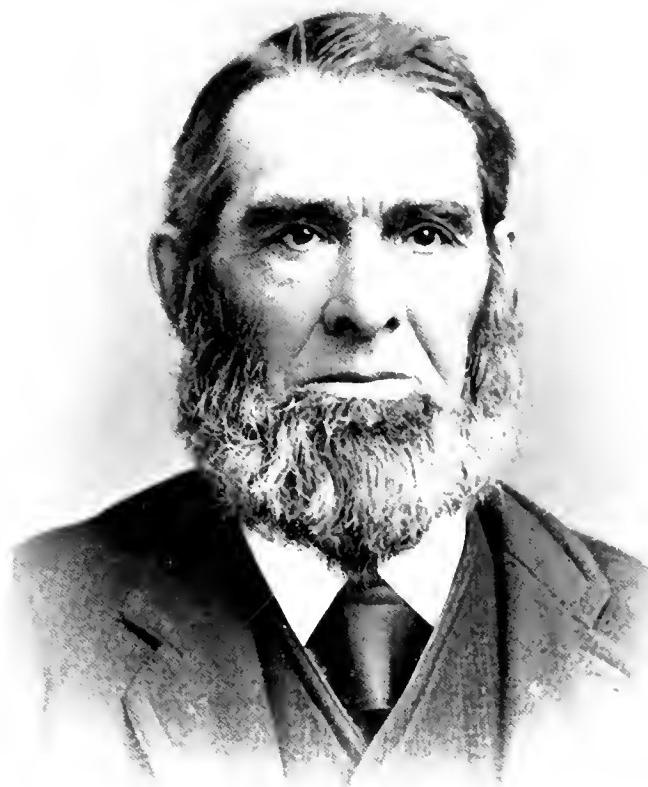
Ora Monroe was educated in the common schools of Marlow and Stoddard, and for nine years after the completion of his studies he was employed as a farm assistant. After his marriage he bought a farm in Leominster, Mass., where he resided four years; but, subsequently selling that property, he purchased a tract of land located upon the Keene road in the town of Marlow, and upon which he

erected a set of substantial buildings. This he occupied but a short time, when he again sold out and moved to another farm, situated at Marlow Hill. Here he tilled the soil successfully for a number of years, when he disposed of that farm also, and removed to Marlow village, where he owned a large tract of land. He continued to carry on general farming until 1882, when he retired from active labor, and, purchasing a pleasantly situated residence in Marlboro, has since resided here. During the Civil War Mr. Monroe enlisted as a private in the Fourteenth New Hampshire Regiment, with which he served two years and six months, being honorably discharged at Washington in April, 1865.

The first of Mr. Monroe's two marriages was contracted at the age of twenty-four with Roxana Fox, who died in Marlow, leaving two children — Mary E. and Abbie. Mary E. became the wife of John Stone, who died leaving her with five children. Abbie, who married Elmer Dennis, died in Springfield, Mass., February 4, 1886. Mr. Monroe's second wife was before marriage Eunice McIntire, daughter of David and Eunice (Burnap) McIntire, her father being a native of Fitchburg, Mass., and her mother of Temple, N.H. Both her parents are now deceased. In 1870 Mr. and Mrs. Monroe adopted Willie Winsfield Cilley, who lived to the age of twenty-five years and two months, dying November 5, 1890. Mr. Monroe is a Republican in politics and a Baptist in his religious belief. He has displayed good judgment in real estate transactions, which, together with his habits of industry and frugality, have been the means of his accumulating a comfortable competency; and he is now enjoying the fruits of his toil.



CHARLES L. WILKINS, of the firm Wilkins Brothers, the well-known paper box manufacturers of Milford, is a native of Amherst, N.H. He was born April 23, 1861, son of Aaron and Abbie (McCluer) Wilkins, both also natives of Amherst. His paternal great-grandfather was Aaron Wilkins, who came from Middle-



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ton, Mass., to Amherst, and was the first of the family in that place. Aaron Wilkins (second), the grandfather, likewise a native of Amherst, was the father of Aaron S. The father, who had previously resided in Amherst, in 1893 came to Miltord, where he now resides with his daughter, Mrs. F. W. Sawyer. In politics he is a Republican, and he was Selectman in Amherst for a time. His wife, one of whose ancestors was a Revolutionary soldier, bore him six children, namely: A. Milton, a resident of Amherst; George H., M.D., a physician in Palmer, Mass.; Frank, a member of the firm of Kendall & Wilkins, merchants of Milford; Charles L., the subject of this biography; Harry A., of the firm Wilkins Brothers; and Mrs. F. W. Sawyer, of Milford.

Charles L. Wilkins was reared to man's estate in Amherst, and was educated in the public schools of that town. Later he studied for three years in the McCollom Institute of Mont Vernon, N.H., and subsequently attended the State Agricultural College at Hanover. In 1879 he engaged as a clerk with C. E. Kendall & Co., of Milford, and was with them four years. He went to Florida in 1884, and at Jacksonville was engaged as a salesman in mercantile business for some three years. Then he returned to New Hampshire, and had charge of a general store in Amherst for a number of years. While there he was Town Treasurer and Town Clerk respectively for two years. In 1891, in company with his brothers, he purchased the paper box business of C. A. Adams in Milford, and the place has since been conducted by Wilkins Brothers. They manufacture any and all kinds of paper boxes, with the most improved machinery.

Mr. Wilkins has been a member of the Board of Water Commissioners of Milford since April, 1895. In December of 1896 he was appointed Registrar of the Board. In politics he is a Republican. He belongs to the Masonic lodge of Milford, and, having a membership in the Milford Odd Fellows, he has passed through the chairs of Prospect Hill Encampment. He is a member of the Congregational church, and takes an interest

in everything likely to improve the town. Mr. Wilkins was married October 8, 1885, to Fannie H. Spaulding, daughter of W. Spaulding, of Milford, who was a soldier in the Civil War. They have two children -- Charles H. and Marion W.

**H**ENRY F. DODGE, a prominent and well-known citizen of Mont Vernon, was born in this town, May 17, 1838, a son of Henry C. and Sophia (Emerson) Dodge. He is a descendant of an early settler who located in Beverly, Mass., in 1638. Josiah Dodge, the founder of the family in Hillsboro County, removed from Beverly in 1772 to that part of Amherst now within the limits of Mont Vernon. He spent the remainder of his life in this vicinity, rearing a family of children.

Henry C. Dodge was born and reared in Mont Vernon, and there spent his long and useful life. He has ever performed his full share in promoting the prosperity of his native town, which he has represented in the State legislature, and served as Selectman and chairman of the Selectmen. He is a stanch Democrat in politics. He is now a hale and active man of eighty-six years. His wife, who was born and reared in Marlboro, this State, is but three years younger. Of their five children Henry F. and Anna R. are living. The father was well educated for a man of his day, and in his earlier years taught in the public schools of this and surrounding towns. He was also a noted teacher of penmanship, and had evening classes in this section of the county for many winters.

Henry F. Dodge completed his early education at the Appleton Academy of Mont Vernon, now known as McCollom Institute, and of which for a time he has been a trustee. On reaching man's estate he chose agriculture for his occupation, and since 1882 has had charge of and still owns the old homestead of the Dodge family, which contains over two hundred acres. He now resides on a farm of eighty acres about a mile distant from the homestead. Of late years he has opened his

house for the reception of summer boarders, who at his pleasant home find healthful rest and recreation from the city's heat and dust. Mr. Dodge takes an intelligent interest in the welfare of his native town and county, aiding by every means in his power its advancement and prosperity. For a number of years he was Selectman of Mont Vernon, serving a part of the time as chairman of the Board; and he also represented the town in the State legislature. He is a prominent member of the Democratic party, and is identified with the society of the Golden Cross at Amherst.

On January 7, 1864, Mr. Dodge married Miss Laura R. Parker, daughter of William and Sarah Parker. Her father died April 13, 1885, while her mother is now a resident of New Boston, N.H. Mr. and Mrs. Dodge have three children: Fannie L., the wife of William D. Clark, of Amherst; Clara E.; and Abbie S.

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**D**UDLEY HUNTLEY, an industrious farmer and an esteemed resident of Marlow, was born in this town, March 25, 1820, son of Curtis and Betsey (Lewis) Huntley. The first of his ancestors to settle in New Hampshire was Elisha Huntley, his great-grandfather, who was a native of Connecticut. The father, who was born in Marlow in 1790, tilled the soil of a good farm until his death, which occurred in 1869. He was the father of eight children; namely, Elisha, Nathan, Polly, Nathan (second), Harriet, Dudley, William, and Alden.

Dudley Huntley was reared and educated in Marlow. He worked in a factory in Nashua, N.H., for a time, and also spent a year or two in Boston when a young man, but general farming has been his chief occupation. He formerly owned and cultivated agricultural property in Unity and Goshen, N.H. Since 1859 he has resided upon a farm in Marlow, where he is regarded as one of the most able and successful farmers.

Mr. Huntley married Mrs. Aurelia M. Hall Baker, then a widow, who was born December 25, 1824, daughter of Edward Hall,

of Marlow. She became the mother of two children: Melvin J., born in Unity, August 31, 1853; and Lizzie, born in the same town, August 9, 1858. Lizzie married Walter Paige, a well-known resident of Stoneham, Mass., and her children are Guy and Ralph. Melvin J. Huntley, having acquired a good practical education, has devoted his attention principally to assisting his father upon the farm. He is energetic and progressive, takes a lively interest in public affairs, and is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In his religious belief he is a Universalist. He married Frances R. Dodge, who was born in 1853, daughter of Rufus Dodge, of Marlow. Mrs. Dudley Huntley died February 15, 1894.

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**G**EORGE E. CLARKE, of Milford, Hillsboro County, a successful agriculturist, a surveyor, and a dealer in real estate, was born here, December 18, 1840. He is of English ancestry. His grandfather, Richard Clarke, was an early settler of Milford. His father, Rufus Clarke, after spending his eighty-five years of life in Milford, died on the family homestead, January 10, 1881. Rufus was a farmer and a lumberman, carrying on an extensive business for his day, and he was very active in local and church affairs. He married Frances Almina Conant, who was also a native of Milford. Of their three children George E. and Rufus A. are living. Both parents were members of the Baptist church.

George E. Clarke was reared to manhood beneath the parental roof-tree. He received his elementary education in the common schools of Milford and Hollis. Afterward he took a special course in surveying and civil engineering at the Appleton Academy in Mont Vernon, this county. Of late years Mr. Clarke has been much engaged in these occupations. He has carried on an extensive business in drawing up legal documents of all kinds, dealing in real estate, and serves as administrator, trustee, and guardian, besides successfully managing his well-improved farm of one hundred acres. He is recognized throughout

the community as an intelligent and able business man, upright and honest in all of his transactions. Desirous of promoting the welfare of the town, he has served it for several terms as Selectman. For many years he was the auditor and a trustee of the Milford Savings Bank. In politics he is a consistent Republican. He is a member of the Baptist church.

Mr. Clarke was united in marriage January 6, 1881, with Miss Ermina E. Holt, daughter of Horace Holt, late of Milford, N.H. Their pleasant home is an attractive resort for summer tourists and their large circle of friends and acquaintances.

 CLINTON H. TIRRELL, a widely known and successful farmer of Goffstown, was born here, February 22, 1846, son of Hiram and Martha (Gilmore) Tirrell. His grandfather, Jesse Tirrell, was one of the early settlers of the part of Goffstown called Canada Hill, where he took up and cleared new lands, making a comfortable farm, and subsequently spent the greater part of his life there. His last years were passed on the farm now owned by Clinton H. Tirrell.

Hiram Tirrell, son of Jesse, a native of Goffstown, was born in July, 1806. He followed the occupations of farmer and lumberman. After his marriage he moved to the old Gilmore farm, which, with the exception of seven years spent in Boston, was his home for the rest of his life. In religion he was a Baptist and in politics a Republican. He died January 9, 1888. His wife, Martha, a daughter of Robert Gilmore, who was a pioneer of the town, died July 22, 1876. They had five children, three sons and two daughters. Three of these children are living, namely: Jesse W., a farmer of Goffstown; Caroline, the wife of George C. Baker, of West Manchester; and Clinton H., the youngest, and the subject of this biography. The other two were: Harriett, who died at the age of nineteen; and Joseph, who died June 17, 1895, aged fifty-seven years.

Clinton H. Tirrell was educated in the com-

mon schools of his native town. Farming, which he has followed very successfully, has been his principal occupation. He has also been engaged in the lumbering business, and for seventeen years he drove a milk route in Manchester. He still makes a specialty of the latter branch of his business. Since the farm left by his father came into his possession, he has so enlarged it that it now contains over two hundred and fifty acres, and is one of the largest estates in the town. The modern out-buildings, handsome residence, and other improvements give ample evidence of able management.

Mr. Tirrell was married June 29, 1875, to Sarah J. Boynton, daughter of Michael and Hannah Boynton, of Bedford, both now deceased. Their children are: Lewis O., born August 19, 1876, now a farmer, and living at home; and Burton G., born September 3, 1878, at present studying at a business college. In politics the father is a Republican, and he belongs to the Junior Grange, No. 150, P. of H., at Grasmere. The mother and sons are Good Templars. All attend the Baptist church.

 CHARLES O. WHITNEY, one of the pioneer manufacturers in Marlboro and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, is a descendant of John and Eleanor Whitney, who emigrated from England, and settled at Watertown, Mass., in June, 1635. John Whitney's second wife, whom he married in Watertown, was Judith Clement Whitney. Jonathan, son of John and Eleanor Whitney, was born in England in 1634. On October 30, 1656, he was married in Watertown to Lydia Jones. Joseph Whitney, son of Jonathan, was born in Watertown, March 10, 1672. He married Rebecca Burge, of Charlestown, Mass., and resided in Pepperell. Ensign James Whitney, son of Joseph, born in Pepperell in 1714, settled in Dunstable, Mass. An account of the manner in which he was accidentally killed by one of his neighbors is given in the History of Dunstable. John Whitney, grandfather of the

subject of this sketch, was born in Dunstable, April 15, 1745. He fought at the battle of Bunker Hill in Captain Whitcomb's company, which subsequently served in the Continental army throughout the Revolutionary War. After the close of hostilities he purchased a tract of land in Troy, N.H., where he spent the rest of his life occupied in farming. He wedded Mary Jones, of Framingham, Mass., and died in 1829.

Charles O. Whitney, who was born in Troy, N.H., May 4, 1838, left fatherless at the age of three years, went to live with his uncle, Ira Godding. When twelve years old the death of his uncle and aunt threw him upon his own resources, and he was forced to reside with such families as were willing to board and clothe him in return for his labor. His educational opportunities were limited to a short attendance at the district school during the winter season for a few years. At the age of seventeen he secured employment in a saw and grist mill. Later he learned the chairmaker's trade in Gardner, Mass., where he remained until the breaking out of the Civil War. Then he went to Springfield, Mass., and was there, at the United States Arsenal, employed in the manufacture of muskets for two years. He next became associated with his brother-in-law in the manufacture of chairs in South Gardner, under the firm name of Whitney & Bent, and did a profitable business for about three years. In 1866 he came to Marlboro, where he with others founded the Marlboro Manufacturing Company, and in the following spring began the manufacture of horse blankets. Some time later Mr. Whitney withdrew from that enterprise, and, after erecting a building upon the site of a good water-power, which he improved, resumed the manufacture of chairs. He at length entered into partnership with Warren H. Clark; and, fitting up his mill for the production of horse blankets, he is now running seven sets of machinery, and employs over one hundred hands the year round. This firm also manufactures satinets, of which, when working to their full capacity, they turn out three thousand, nine hundred yards daily.

In politics Mr. Whitney is a Republican.

He has served with ability as a Selectman, was for a number of years a member of the School Board, and in 1896 was elected to the legislature from this town. He is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a regular attendant of the Universalist church.



WINSLOW S. KYES, who was a well-known merchant of Peterboro and the treasurer of the Contoocook Valley Savings Bank, was born in Marlow, N.H., February 27, 1832, son of Leonard and Charlotte (Royce) Kyes, of Aeworth, N.H. His grandfather, Asa Kyes, who was a prosperous farmer of that town, married Catherine Blood, of Groton, Mass., and reared eleven children, none of whom are living.

Leonard Kyes, born January 7, 1804, settled in Peterboro, and for some time was employed in the cotton-mill at West Peterboro as a mechanic. Later he was overseer of the carding-room, and still later of the spinning-room. While residing in Aeworth he was Captain of a militia company. He possessed a high moral character, and was respected by all who knew him. He died in Peterboro at the age of sixty-seven years. In politics he was a Democrat, and a Methodist in his religious belief. His wife, Charlotte, who was a daughter of Samuel Royce, of Marlow, became the mother of two children — Winslow S., the subject of this sketch; and Diantha A., who married John F. D'Orsay, of Dorchester. Diantha has one daughter, Edith N., born June 27, 1875. Mrs. Leonard Kyes died at the age of seventy-six years.

Winslow S. Kyes was a year old when his parents moved to Peterboro. He was educated in the common schools and at Appleton Academy in New Ipswich, N.H. Afterward, while employed in the factory at West Peterboro, he attained the position of an overseer, in which capacity he worked for several years. After resigning this position he conducted a grocery store for seven years. In 1880 he opened a dry-goods store in Peterboro village, and subsequently he established an undertaking business, both of which he carried on for

the remainder of his life. He was also interested in the Contoocook Savings Bank, of which he was the treasurer. His natural energy and ability gave him prominence among business men, who regarded him as a successful merchant. In politics he was a Democrat. He took an active part in local public affairs, and was elected a member of the Board of Selectmen for nine years in succession. He was a charter member of the Masonic lodge in Peterboro. In his religious belief he was a Unitarian, and for some years was a Deacon and the treasurer of the local society.

On January 29, 1860, Mr. Kyes was united in marriage with Catherine Harding, daughter of James and Catherine (Hosmer) Harding, respectively natives of Maine and Baldwinsville, Mass. Mrs. Kyes is the mother of four children, namely: Frank W., born December 4, 1860; Katie L., born October 17, 1864; Gertrude H., born March 23, 1866; and Karl S., born May 23, 1878. Frank W. married for his first wife Millie White of Peterboro, who bore him one son, Herman W. His present wife was before marriage Georgia Caldwell, of Ipswich, Mass. Katie L. is the wife of George H. Haskell, of Ipswich, and has one son, Harold K. Gertrude H. is the wife of Carl H. Foster, of Peterboro, and has one son, Curtis G. Karl S. is now a student at the Harvard Dental College. The father died at his home November 20, 1895, mourned by all who knew him. Mrs. Kyes has since conducted the dry-goods and millinery business formerly carried on by him, and is well maintaining the high reputation which the establishment has had since its opening.

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**G**EORGE ROBERTSON was one of the enterprising and public-spirited men of Hinsdale. He was born in Hartford, Conn., April 19, 1822, son of William and Christina (Ross) Robertson, who were both natives of Scotland. The father, born July 21, 1793, learned the paper-maker's trade. About one year after his marriage, which took place February 14, 1817, he emigrated to Halifax, N.S. Two years

later he went to Hartford, Conn., and in the autumn of 1823 he removed to Putney, Vt. In Putney he was engaged in the manufacture of paper until extreme old age compelled him to retire. He and his wife passed their last days in Hinsdale, where they are remembered as a charming couple, speaking the Scotch dialect, which they never sought to overcome. They were the parents of seven children; namely, Ann, Marion E., George, John, Jean N., Edwin R., and Christina C.

George Robertson was reared and educated in Putney. Employed in his father's mill from an early age, he became an expert paper-maker before reaching his majority. While he and his brother John were still under age, their father repurchased a mill that he had formerly owned, and, transferring the property to them, thus started them in business as paper manufacturers. George Robertson resided in Putney until 1849, at which time he came to Hinsdale, leaving his brother in charge of the business, but retaining his interest in it until 1856. After locating here he and others bought a paper-mill, which was erected by Thomas Cutting in 1845, and began the manufacture of paper in this town. In 1851 this mill was destroyed by fire, but it was immediately rebuilt, and operated until again burned in 1863. Another mill built upon the same site was ready for business in 1865, and was afterward successfully conducted until 1880, when the bursting of what is known as a rotary bleach again laid the mill and machinery in ruins. This disaster, although a serious one, was not sufficient to dampen the courage of Mr. Robertson, who commenced the erection of a new mill in the same fall, and resumed business in the following spring, with a building and a plant capable of turning out in the neighborhood of two and one-half tons of paper per day. The place was nearly in good running order when another accident, of a still more serious nature, overtook the stout-hearted man. On the afternoon of May 24, 1882, Mr. Robertson went to Ashuelot for the purpose of inspecting a new paper-mill that was in process of erection by his sons. While standing in close proximity to the walls, he was struck by a falling der-

rick, sustaining a fracture of the skull, from the effects of which he died shortly afterward. Thus was removed from the community one of its most useful members in the midst of his best and busiest years. The late George Robertson was not only energetic and persevering, but public-spirited as well. He did not stop to measure the length of his purse when some worthy object needed aid, such as starting a deserving young man in life. A friend who knew him well said of him, "With him honesty and probity were garments for every-day use." For some years he was superintendent of the Sunday-school connected with the Congregational church. In politics he was successively a Whig and a Democrat, and his public services to the town were performed with the same energy and capability which characterized his business operations. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and took an active part in the councils of Golden Rule Lodge.

At his death Mr. Robertson left four sons — Frank W., George A., Edwin C., and Orren C.—all of whom are engaged in the paper manufacturing business. Frank and Edwin are carrying on mills at Ashuelot, employing an average of twenty hands, and doing a profitable business. George A. and Orren C. Robertson are operating the mill in Hinsdale, where they reside. Edwin Robertson has represented Hinsdale in the legislature, and Frank W. Robertson has served it as a Selectman. Frank is a member of Golden Rule Lodge, F. & A. M., of Hinsdale, is connected with the chapter and commandery in Keene, and has reached the thirty-second degree. George A. and Orren C. are members of the Odd Fellows, the F. W. R., E. C. R., and are both thirty-second degree Masons.

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**C**OLONELE FRANK GARDNER NOYES, a retired lawyer and business man, was born in Nashua, N.H., July 6, 1833, son of Leonard W. and Ann Sewall (Gardner) Noyes. Some of his ancestors on both his father's and mother's side were Colonial and Revolutionary patriots. His parents were lifelong residents

of Nashua. He acquired the elementary part of his education in private schools. Later he attended Phillips Academy, Williams and Union Colleges, and was graduated from Union University in 1853. He then pursued a three years' course at Harvard University Law School, graduating in 1856, and receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In the same year he went to Clinton, Ia., where he formed a partnership in the law business with ex-Governor Baker, of New Hampshire. At the breaking out of the Civil War Mr. Noyes was appointed Aide-de-camp and Colonel of Volunteers on the staff of Governor Kirkwood, of Iowa. In 1862 he was commissioned, by President Abraham Lincoln, Captain of United States Volunteers, and attached to the Thirteenth Army Corps at St. Louis. He took part in all the operations against Vicksburg, and in its final capture, in the battle of Mobile Bay, and in many minor engagements. He was twice wounded, and in 1865 was prostrated with yellow fever at Galveston, Tex. He was mustered out at Nashua, N.H., in 1865, having served practically through the entire war.

In 1867 Colonel Noyes declined his appointment to the consulate of Panama, as he was then engaged in settling his father's estate. In 1869 he engaged in the manufacture of machinery at Clinton, Ia., with Colonel Tenbroeck, under the firm name of Tenbroeck & Noyes. Two years later Mr. Noyes purchased his partner's interest, after which he carried on the enterprise alone until 1878. Then he disposed of the business, and, returning to Nashua, has since lived in retirement. Colonel Noyes was made a Mason in Western Star Lodge, No. 100, of Clinton, in 1857, and has been officially connected with the chapter and with Holy Cross Commandery, No. 10, Knights Templar, of Clinton, of which he has been Captain General for three years. He takes no active part in public affairs, and, although he has been frequently solicited to accept office, has always declined. He is a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was Department Commander of New Hampshire in 1893.

On December 10, 1851, Colonel Noyes was

joined in marriage with Hannah E. Richardson, of Tewksbury, Mass., great-grand-niece of Worcester, the lexicographer. Colonel and Mrs. Noyes have had seven children, of whom four are living, namely: Anna Gardner, who is the wife of Sheridan P. Read, United States Consul at Tien-Tsin, China; Clara Leonard Hancock, of whom there is no special record; Grace Richardson, the wife of Leon Mead, of New York, formerly editor of *Truth*; and Elizabeth Greenleaf Gardner Noyes, who is now residing in China. Politically, Colonel Noyes is a Democrat. He has gained wide reputation as a public speaker, and is frequently called upon to deliver addresses upon political and other subjects.

**D**ANIEL RICHARDSON, a skilful carpenter and a highly respected resident of Mont Vernon, was born in New Portland, Me., February 23, 1837, son of Daniel and Joanna (Quint) Richardson. On the paternal side he comes of Irish ancestors, and on the maternal side of Scotch. Grandfather Richardson served for seven years in the Revolutionary War, and fought at Lexington and Bunker Hill. He also was with General Putnam in the march to Quebec through Maine, where the men suffered from cold and starvation. His grandfather served for three years in the same war. The father, a native of Maine, was for nearly half a century a resident of New Portland. Thence he removed to Chelmsford, Mass., where he died. His wife, Joanna, was born in Stark's, Me. Her mother was a second cousin of Lord Norton, of Scotland.

Daniel Richardson was twelve years of age when he accompanied his parents to Chelmsford, Mass. He resided with them until his seventeenth year, although he practically supported himself after he was thirteen. He then went to Vermont. After his marriage he spent several years in Bradford, Vt., and for several years following he was a resident of Hillsboro County, New Hampshire. Then, removing to Lowell, Mass., he worked for a time in one of the cotton-mills, but subse-

quently engaged in business for himself as a contractor and builder. After living in Lowell for about twenty years, he came in 1875 to Mont Vernon, where he has since resided. While he continues to work at carpentering, he also carries on farming.

Mr. Richardson was married May 9, 1857, to Miss Mary E. Twiss, who was born in Antrim, N.H., daughter of Captain Dimon and Harriet (Parmenter) Twiss. Her father, who was born in Beverly, Mass., was Captain of the old grenadier military company of Antrim, and for nearly a half a century carried on blacksmith work in that place. Her mother was a native of Antrim. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are the parents of five children, of whom Willie F. and Hattie M. are living.

In politics Mr. Richardson is a Republican. For many years he has been president of the Mont Vernon Republican Club, and he is very active in local affairs. He has served for one year as Selectman. Both he and his wife are members of Prospect Grange, No. 21, in which he has served for two years each as Overseer and Master. He and his wife are also members of the Golden Cross Order.

**T**HOMAS J. WINN, a member of the firm of Winn Brothers, of Harrisville, Cheshire County, general sterekeepers and manufacturers of woodenware, was born in this town, March 23, 1867, son of Edward and Mary (Kennedy) Winn. His parents were born in Ireland; and his paternal grandfather, William Winn, reared a family of six children, five sons and one daughter. The sons were named respectively: James, Edward, William, John, and Thomas.

Edward Winn, father of Thomas J., was educated in his native country, and when a young man he emigrated to the United States. He first settled upon a farm in Harrisville, but later engaged in trade, establishing the large mercantile business now carried on by his sons, to whom he sold the business some time ago. He is now living in retirement, having been a resident of Harrisville for the past forty years, and is a highly respected

citizen. His wife, Mary, became the mother of six children, namely: Thomas J., the subject of this sketch; Edward F. and Minnie N. (twins), born April 4, 1869; Michael, born July 4, 1871; George, born March 10, 1874; and James, born in 1878. Minnie N. finished her studies at Mount St. Mary's Academy, Manchester, and now resides with her parents.

Thomas J. Winn completed his education at a commercial college in Manchester, N.H., and for four years was engaged in the grocery business in Fitzwilliam. He also for four years kept a boot and shoe store in Boston, and then succeeded to his father's business in Harrisville. The firm now consists of Thomas J., Michael, George, James, and Edward F. Winn. Thomas J. has charge of the store, which is heavily stocked with a varied line of general merchandise; and Edward F. superintends the mill, which is devoted to the manufacture of boxes, clothes-pins, and toys.

Mr. Thomas J. Winn married Kate Grimes, of Troy, N.H. He is an able and energetic business man, and the firm is conducting a very profitable enterprise.

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**H**ON JOHN AUGUSTINE SPALDING, of Nashua, was born in Wilton, N.H., May 29, 1837. A son of Moses and Anna H. (Kimball) Spalding, who were residents of Wilton for many years, he is a direct descendant of Edward Spalding, one of three brothers who came from England to this country in the eighteenth century. Young Spalding was educated in the public schools of Wilton and Crosby's Academy at Nashua. He went to work at the age of thirteen in a clothing store of Lawrence, Mass. Six years later, when he was only nineteen years old, he started a business for himself in Nashua, and successfully conducted it afterward for about five years. In 1863 he was appointed cashier of the First National Bank of Nashua. After faithfully discharging the duties of that position for thirty-two years, he was elected to the office of vice-president. Mr. Spalding is also a

trustee of the City Guarantee Savings Bank, a director of the Wilton Railroad and of the Worcester, Nashua & Rochester Railroad, and a trustee of the State Insane Asylum. Caring for the interests of others as if they were his own, throughout his long and successful business career he has held the unbroken confidence of the community. Mr. Spalding has been honored with election to several important offices by the Republican party, and in polities as in business he has worn his honors with dignity, looking well to the interests of the people, and performing conscientiously the duties devolving upon him. He represented Nashua in the State legislature in 1865-66, was State Senator in 1878, a member of Governor S. W. Hale's Council in 1883-84, and the Mayor of this city in 1885. He is at present chairman of the Republican State Central Committee. He served as a Garfield Presidential Elector, and was a member of the St. Louis Convention that nominated Major McKinley in 1896.

On October 13, 1859, in Wilton, Mr. Spalding was married to Josephine E. Eastman, of Nashua. Of his two children by that marriage William E. Spalding, of this city, is the survivor. On November 24, 1878, he contracted a second marriage with Anna M. Learned, daughter of Dr. E. T. Learned, of Fall River, Mass. A thirty-second degree Mason, he belongs to Rising Sun Lodge, No. 39; to St. George Commandery of Nashua; and to the Scottish Rite. He is also a member of Pennichuck Lodge, No. 44, I. O. O. F.; and has been Noble Grand and chief officer of Nashuaon Encampment; and he is a comrade of the Association of Amoskeag Veterans of Manchester.

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**F**RANK M. PARKER, Postmaster at Hillsboro Bridge, was born in Milford, N.H., December 8, 1863, son of George F. and Sarah (Lawrence) Parker. His grandfather, Orrin Prescott Parker, who was a lifelong resident of Dunstable, Mass., followed the occupation of teamster during his active years, and died at a good old age.

George F. Parker, the father of Frank M.,

was born in Dunstable. In his youth he worked upon a farm in his native town. At the age of nineteen he went to Milford, N.H., where he followed the same occupation for a time. Later he was employed in a stone quarry. He afterward opened a quarry upon his own land, and has been engaged in that business. He is widely and favorably known as an enterprising and reliable business man. He first married Sarah Lawrence, of Pepperell, Mass., who died at the age of thirty-nine years, leaving three children — Jones F., Etta L., and Frank M. Etta L. is the wife of Ellson D. Frye, of Wilton, N.H., and has three children. Frank M. Parker's mother was a member of the Baptist church. For his second wife George F. Parker married Ella J. Taylor, of Amherst, N.H., who has one child, Lizzie Bell.

Frank M. Parker was educated in Milford. After leaving school he worked for three years in the carding-room of the Pine Valley Mills. He was next employed on the stone work of the Wilton town hall. Subsequently for a short time he worked in Morse, Kaley & Co.'s yarn factory. He next entered the employ of D. Whiting & Sons. After helping upon their milk train for some time, he had charge of their grain house in Hillsboro from 1888 until February 6, 1894, when he was appointed Postmaster here. In this capacity he has proved an efficient and courteous official.

On September 5, 1889, Mr. Parker was joined in marriage with Evangeline M. Grace, of Hillsboro. An upright and progressive young man, Mr. Parker is esteemed by his fellow-townsmen. In politics he acts with the Democratic party. Both he and Mrs. Parker attend the Congregational church.

**G**EORGE E. DOWNES, a successful business man of Francestown, N.H., was born here, January 27, 1830, son of Edward and Mary (Dennis) Downes. The paternal grandfather, Edward Downes, Sr., a farmer of Francestown, married Rhoda Billings, of whose five children by him none are now living.

Edward Downes, Jr., born in Canton, Mass., was in early life a tanner and currier, and also worked some at shoemaking. After following these occupations for many years in Francestown, he purchased a farm of about fifty acres, to which he retired in his later days. He died at the age of eighty-six years. His wife was sixty-seven when she died. Of their twelve children, all of whom grew up, eight are living: namely, Rhoda B., Mark, Samuel D., George E., Cynthia F., Amasa, Henrietta A., and Harlan P. Rhoda B. married Charles Parker, of Chelmsford, Mass., and is now a widow without children. Mark married Mary Dyer, of Exeter, N.H., and has two children — Abbie and Fred. Samuel D. married Martha Billings, of Deerfield, Mass., and has one child, William E. Cynthia F. is the widow of Andrew A. Ward, of Cambridgeport, Mass., and has no children. Amasa, who served in the Civil War as a private in the Thirteenth New Hampshire Regiment, Company B, performing also the duties of regimental postmaster, now has entire charge of the general store, in the management of which he was formerly a partner. He married Susie Sawyer, of Francestown, and has two children — Charles and Bertha M. Harlan P. Downes married Maria Stevens, and has seven children; namely, Mabel C., Charles F., Grace C., Annie A., Addie W., Carrie M., and Elsie B.

George E. Downes received his education in the public school of his native place. After completing his schooling he went to Nashua, and worked in the dressing-room of the mill there for two years. He then returned to Francestown, and was for about four years clerk in a general store. Later on he was engaged in the business on his own account for a short time. In the year 1856, with his brother, Samuel D., and M. G. Starrett, he formed the firm Starrett & Downes, which after a few years became Downes Brothers, who conducted the business until 1875. Then Samuel and George sold their interest to Amasa. George continues to work in the store. He has been Town Treasurer for many years. He was Town Clerk for a short time, and was legislative Representative in 1881. Both he

and his wife became members of the Congregational church some years ago. In politics he is a Republican. On October 25, 1860, he married Harriet F. Carter, of Francestown. She died in 1883, leaving no children.

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**F**RED J. HARRIS, who is prosperously engaged in agriculture in Chesterfield, was born in that place, October 21, 1870, son of John Harris. He is a descendant of Arthur Harris, who, having come from England, settled in Duxbury, Mass., in 1640, became one of the original proprietors of Bridgewater, Mass., and died in Boston in 1693.

Abner Harris, probably a descendant of Arthur Harris, on April 28, 1777, purchased of Simon Davis, of Chesterfield, one hundred and fifty acres of land, with house and barn, in the western part of Chesterfield, N.H. This property was long known as the Harris farm. Abner was said to be a potter by trade. His son John in 1783 married Hannah, daughter of Benjamin Colburn. She died April 9, 1839, at the age of seventy-seven; and he died July 18, 1828, at the age of seventy-two. They had eleven children, of whom John, the eldest, born February 8, 1785, married Luna, daughter of Abel F. Fletcher. This John was Selectman in 1830-32, was a Representative to the General Court in 1849 and 1850, and he died on February 27, 1856. Of his twelve children John, the seventh child, born October 20, 1820, first married in 1844 Mary Ann Chamberlain, who died July 23, 1863. She was a daughter of Joshua W. Chamberlain. A second marriage was contracted June 7, 1864, with Mary J., daughter of John Town, of Hardwick, Mass. Mr. Town was a large farmer, bought and sold cattle largely during war times, and acquired a comfortable fortune. In politics he was a stanch Republican. He had two children. His daughter, Nellie L., who was born December 6, 1873, married Herman Shaw, a meat merchant in Greenfield, Mass. They have one child called Marian, born March 28, 1894.

Fred J. Harris, the only son of his father by his second wife, has inherited the business

tact and energy of his ancestors. Though still a young man, he is looked upon as one of the most enterprising and prosperous farmers of the community. He succeeded to the estate of his forefathers, a farm containing about three hundred acres, partly under cultivation. He owns his own separator, running it with sheep-power, and disposing of his cream to the Brattleboro (Vt.) Creamery. He has dealt some in cattle in the past, and owns a large tract of timber land, from which in one winter he cut and hauled twenty-five hundred railroad ties. In 1892 he erected one of the largest and finest barns in the town. The entire estate shows comfort and prosperity.

On July 3, 1889, Mr. Harris married Hattie L., daughter of Winslow Partridge, of Spofford, N.H., by whom he has one child, John F., born February 1, 1890. He is a prominent and popular member of the Grange Association, Pisterine Lodge, No. 145; and of the Improved Order of Red Men, Pokahoket Lodge, No. 20.

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**J**AMES HARKNESS TOLLES, of the firm Cross & Tolles, wholesale and retail dealers in lumber at Nashua, was born in this city, October 17, 1846, son of Horace C. and Sophia A. (Wright) Tolles. His father was a native of Weathersfield, Vt., and his mother of Westford, Mass. Paternal ancestors of his distinguished themselves in the Revolutionary War. He obtained his education in the Nashua public schools, completing his studies at the age of twenty years. For the first three years of his business career he was employed by his brother, H. J. Tolles, in a general merchandise store in Dunstable, Mass. After returning to Nashua in 1869, he served as clerk in the dry-goods house of Crawford & Anderson for two years and a half. He became associated with Mr. John Cross in 1872, under the style of Cross & Tolles, manufacturers and retail and wholesale dealers in lumber. This partnership still continues. In the quarter of a century that has since elapsed the business has been efficiently managed, and the plant very largely increased.





JOHN M. LANE

In politics Mr. Tolles affiliates with the Democratic party. Mr. Tolles is also interested in other enterprises. He is a director of Indian Head National Bank, of the Nashua Light, Heat and Power Company, of the Nashua Building and Loan Association, and of the Lowell Electric Light Corporation. He is also a trustee of the Nashua Savings Bank, and he has been the president of the Nashua Board of Trade for two years. In politics a Democrat, he was the Mayor of Nashua in 1886, 1887, and 1888, and he is now a member of the Board of Education.

On July 8, 1872, Mr. Tolles was married in this city to Mary E. Cross, of Nashua. They have one daughter, Marion E. Mr. Tolles belongs to Penechuck Lodge, No. 44, of which he is Past Grand; to the United Order of the Golden Cross, in which he has been Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of the State for the past fifteen years; and to the Royal Society of Good Fellows, holding an office in the Supreme Assembly.

**F**ON. JOHN McLANE, one of the leading citizens of Milford, Hillsboro County, N.H., is well known throughout this section of the State as a manufacturer of post-office furniture and equipments, and as president of the Souhegan National Bank of this place. He was born February 27, 1852, in Lennox Town, Scotland, from which place in 1854 his parents, Alexander and Mary (Hay) McLane, brought him to this country, locating in Manchester, N.H. Young McLane was subsequently reared in that city, obtaining his education in the public schools. When seventeen or eighteen years old he turned his attention to mechanical pursuits, for which he had a special aptitude. Becoming skilled as a worker in wood, he labored as a journeyman for several years in the manufacture of furniture of all kinds. In 1876 he established himself in business on his own account in Milford, this county, where he has since remained. He began as a manufacturer of post-office furniture and equipments, putting to the best possible use the small capital which he had to invest. By

a wise management he has built up an extensive and lucrative business, and won for himself a firm position among the foremost business men of the place. He is also interested in the Souhegan National Bank, of which he was a director for many years, and has been the president since 1891.

A man of ability and integrity, Mr. McLane is influential in town and county affairs. He is a Republican in politics and a vigorous worker for his party. In 1885 and 1887 he was elected to the lower house of the State legislature, serving his constituents for two terms in the capacity of their Representative. He subsequently served for an equal length of time as State Senator, being elected in 1891 and 1893, and during both terms he was the President of the Senate. For many years he has been Moderator at the annual town meetings.

On March 10, 1880, Mr. McLane married Miss Ellen L. Tuck, daughter of the late Eben Tuck, of Milford, N.H. They have four children; namely, Clinton A., Hazel E., John R., and Charles M. Mr. McLane is prominently connected with the Masonic and Odd Fellows societies of Milford, and he contributes toward the support of the Congregational church, of which he is an attendant. Public-spirited and progressive, he has the esteem and confidence of the community in which he lives.

**W**ILLIS E. WHITE, a prominent merchant of Greenville, is a native of Grafton, Vt., where he was born December 6, 1854, son of Willard L. and Elizabeth (Ross) White. His grandfather, Stephen White, of Grafton, spent about the whole of his life in that town engaged in agricultural pursuits, and died at the age of seventy-five years. Stephen married Betsy Conant, of whose nine children by him four are now living. These are: Willard White, the eldest; Henry K., who married Harriet Moore, of Athol, Mass., and has two children; Charles S., who married Carrie Merrifield, of Brookline, Vt., is the father of four children, and now resides at the old homestead; and

Martha, who is the widow of Cornelius Barnard, of Iowa. The mother died at the age of seventy-three years. Both she and her husband were members of the Baptist church.

Willard White was born February 23, 1824, in Grafton, on the old homestead. Very early in life he began to be self-supporting. When only nine years of age he was employed in a hotel at Charlestown, N.H., where he continued to work for several years. When twenty-one years old he purchased a farm of two hundred and ten acres within a mile and a half of his father's estate. Here he lived for many years, and all his children were born here. After improving and enlarging the property he sold it in 1895, and moved into the village of Grafton, where he now resides. Besides looking after his personal interests with commendable care, he served the public in various capacities. For sixteen years in succession he was Overseer of the Poor at Grafton, and for many years was Selectman. He has also been prominent in promoting measures for the welfare of the community in which he lives. Of his four children three are living. His eldest son, Elbridge W., who graduated from Madison University of Hamilton, N.Y., and is now a clergyman of the Baptist denomination, having a pastorate in Milwaukee, Wis., married Edna Converse, of Grafton, and has two children—Leon and Ethel. William E. White, who died July 10, 1894, was twin brother of Mr. Willis White. Stella E., now Mrs. Eugene Wilbur, of Hartford, Conn., has five children—Earl, Daisy, Grace, Jay, and Helen.

Taken severely ill when quite young, Willis White was unable to do any active work for many years. He went West, hoping that the change of climate would be beneficial. Upon his return, finding it necessary to be in the open air, he established an itinerary for the sale of tinware through the State of Vermont. In the two years during which he was engaged in that business he made many acquaintances. Going then to Wales, Mass., he worked as a weaver in the woollen-mill there for three years and subsequently as a clerk in a store of that town. In 1883, coming to Greenville, he formed a partnership with John B. Martin,

under the firm name of Martin & White, and engaged in a general merchandise business. After working together for two years, Mr. White managed the business alone for four years. Then he took his brother William into partnership, forming the firm of White Brothers. At the death of his brother he again became the sole manager.

On September 25, 1884, Mr. White married Flora J. Blood, daughter of George L. Blood, of Greenville. Mr. White is an attendant of the Congregational church, of which his wife is a member. In politics he is a Republican. A member of Souhegan Lodge of Masons, he is one of the stewards of the fraternity, and has held various offices therein. He is also connected with Dinister Hill Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Greenville.

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**T**HOMAS CORNELIUS RAND, son of Deacon Elisha and Betsey (Hall) Rand, born in Alstead, resided there until nearly ten years of age. In the spring of 1840 his family removed to Keene, where he was educated by parts in the common schools, in the old Keene Academy, and in the printing-office. He entered the office of the *New Hampshire Sentinel*, November 13, 1843, as an apprentice. From that date to the present time he has been connected with that establishment in the various capacities of paper carrier, compositor, mailing clerk, foreman, proof-reader, reporter, editor, and proprietor. Beginning editorial work on July 1, 1865, he continued it without interruption until November 13, 1893, when he had completed fifty years' service in the *Sentinel* office. Then he resigned the position of editor, and has since served in the capacity of president of the *Sentinel* Printing Company. He served as Town Clerk of Keene from 1855 to 1861 and as a member of the Board of Selectmen during the war of the Rebellion. He has been identified with the Republican party from its organization. Since 1852 he has voted at every State and municipal election, and taken part in every caucus of his party in his town or ward. He was a delegate to the National Republican Convention at Cincin-

nati in 1876, and he served as alternate in the St. Louis Convention that nominated William McKinley for President. On January 28, 1852, he married Mary A. Smith. His only son died in 1872, at the age of sixteen years.

**J**EDWARD UPTON is the proprietor of a well-managed farm of eighty acres in the town of Amherst. He was born November 5, 1855, in Concord, this State. His father, Jeremiah Upton, a native of Tyngsboro, Mass., went with his parents to Dunstable, Mass., where he completed his schooling. Beginning in the first mill of Lowell, he was employed there and later at Concord, N.H., as foreman in the coloring department. Coming to Amherst in 1856, he bought with his savings the farm on which his son now lives. Here he labored with unceasing energy, carrying on the usual work of the thorough farmer until his demise in 1891. In politics he affiliated with the Republican party. He was often importuned to accept public office, but, although few men had a better knowledge of political matters, he preferred the quiet of domestic life. He was a man of liberal views and of deep thought. While a resident of Lowell, Mass., he united with the Congregational church. Later he became an earnest Universalist. He was an authority on Biblical matters, having read the book many times, and his wonderful memory placing its truths at his disposal. His wife, born in Amherst, whose maiden name was Elmira Howard, survived him two years, passing away in 1893. At her death she was the last surviving Daughter of the Revolution in this part of New Hampshire. Her father, Josiah Howard, after the close of the Revolutionary War, in which he served, settled in Amherst while yet a young man. Of her nine children four are yet living, namely: Elmira E., the wife of H. I. Upham, of Leominster, Mass.; Harriet P., the wife of H. H. Parkhurst, of Amherst, N.H.; J. Edward, the subject of this sketch; and Addie E., the wife of C. E. Wilkins, of Amherst. The mother, who was reared in this town, was a schoolmate of Horace Greeley.

J. Edward Upton was reared and educated in Amherst, attending the public and high schools of the town. For several years he was engaged in teaching in the schools of this town and in Wilton. In recent years he has given his attention to fruit farming. He keeps his land in a good state of cultivation, and he has met with a fair share of success. Taking a warm interest in educational matters, he has been a member of the School Board. Fraternally, he belongs to the Souhegan Grange of Amherst and to the Golden Cross.

On October 17, 1882, Mr. Upton married Miss Etta L. Mace. She was born in Bedford, N.H., daughter of the late John Mace, who gave his life for the Union in the late Civil War, having enlisted in a company from Amherst. Mr. and Mrs. Upton have four children; namely, Linda P., Chester W., Wealtha M., and George Ray.

**G**EORGE W. AVERILL, an esteemed resident of Mont Vernon, well known as a farmer throughout Hillsboro County, is a native of this town, born March 10, 1829, and a son of John and Hannah (French) Averill. John Averill, Sr., the grandfather of George W., was the first of the family to establish a home in Mont Vernon. He was an early settler of this place, and a prominent and influential citizen. John Averill, Jr., who was born here, spent his life in the place. He, too, was prominent in affairs. He served as Selectman for a number of years, and was the town's Representative in the New Hampshire legislature for one term. In politics he was a stanch Democrat. His wife, Hannah, who was born in the part of Mont Vernon formerly called Lyndeboro, had four children, of whom Harriet F. is deceased. The others are: Charles F., who went to California in the early fifties, and has resided there since; George W., the subject of this sketch; and Carrie S., the wife of Benjamin F. Davis.

George W. Averill received such educational advantages as were afforded by the district schools of Mont Vernon, which after

the first few years he attended mainly in the winter season. His chief occupation has been farming, for which he has gained a high reputation. Some years ago, during the winter seasons, in company with Clark Campbell, the present United States Marshal for New Hampshire, who lives in Mont Vernon, he was engaged in lumbering under the firm name of Averill & Campbell.

In 1857 Mr. Averill married Miss Nancy Lamson. She was born in Mont Vernon, daughter of Captain William Lamson, now deceased, who was a Captain in the State militia. Three children have been born to them, namely: Ella A., the wife of Henry Robinson, of Hancock Junction, N.H.; Carrie F., the wife of Charles Trow, of Mont Vernon; and George F., of the firm Hutchinson & Averill, grocers of Milford. Mrs. Robinson is a graduate of McCollom Institute here in Mont Vernon, and was a student at Wellesley College for three years. Subsequently she went as a teacher to South Africa, in the school established by Juliet Gilson, a South African missionary, and taught there for five years. The Democratic party has in Mr. Averill a loyal supporter. For a number of years he served as Selectman. He was Town Clerk for several years, and he is now a member of the Board of Supervisors. When Prospect Grange was organized, he was a charter member, but is not now connected with the organization. He is a member of the Congregational church.

**J**AMES B. WHIPPLE, a successful hotel proprietor of New Boston, was born February 20, 1838, son of John and Philantha (Reed) Whipple. His great-grandfather, also named John, who was born in Ipswich, Mass., December 30, 1747, and was one of the very early settlers of New Boston, married Deliverance Dodge, who was born February 15, 1746. The grandparents were sturdy, industrious farming people, and prosperous for those times. The grandfather died in New Boston in 1820, and his wife sixteen years later. Their nine children were born as follows: Jerusha, October 17, 1768;

Stephen, December 16, 1770; Paul, July 11, 1773; John, April 29, 1776; Salome, April 2, 1778; Salome (second), June 21, 1780; Aaron, September 11, 1782; Aaron (second), January 13, 1787; and Robert, March 13, 1790. John, Stephen, and Robert were all physicians. John built the present hotel at New Boston, and gave the land where the Baptist church now stands.

Paul Whipple, grandfather of James B., was one of the well-known farmers of New Boston. He spent most of his active life in that town. His last years were passed in Barre, Vt., where he died. He married Betsy Woodbury, who was born at Mont Vernon, August 17, 1777, daughter of James and Hannah (Trask) Woodbury. His death occurred February 8, 1830, and that of his wife on June 29, 1839. They had fourteen children, born as follows: Betsy, May 26, 1796; Lucy, April 12, 1798; Stephen, March 4, 1800; Hannah, January 27, 1802; Salome, February 26, 1804; John, August 31, 1806; William B., May 3, 1808; Aaron, March 1, 1810; Woodbury M., November 11, 1811; Robert, May 17, 1813; James R., April 8, 1815; Isaac A., June 9, 1818; Maria, December 7, 1820; and Fidelia, August 17, 1823. John, the father of the subject of this sketch, after being brought up under the care of his uncle John, the physician, followed the occupations of farmer and stone mason, and kept a hotel for a short time in New Boston. He served his town as Selectman, and was a Captain in the old militia. In religious belief he was a Baptist. In politics he was a Democrat until the formation of the Republican party, which he thereafter supported. His wife, Philantha (Reed) Whipple, was born in Barre, Vt., September 23, 1808, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Eager) Reed. He died in New Boston, March 28, 1887, and she on May 25, 1890. Of their eight children six are living. They were: Hannah E., Philantha R., John, James B., Paul, Joseph Reed, Mary A., and William H. Hannah, born June 6, 1831, is now the widow of John McLane, late of New Boston, and has three children—Bessie M., James N., and Reed W. Philantha, born July 3, 1833, married Dr.

William Sellers, of Haverhill, Mass., and has two children—Maud B. and William Henry. John, born September 3, 1835, fought in the Civil War with the Eleventh Regiment, Company C, New Hampshire Volunteers, and was one of the victims of Southern cruelty who died at Andersonville Prison in 1864. James B., born February 20, 1838, is the proprietor of the Tavern at New Boston. Paul, born April 30, 1840, was also in the Civil War with the Seventh New Hampshire Volunteers, and was wounded at Fort Wagner. He is unmarried, and at present resides in South Carolina, where he is a large planter. Joseph Reed, born September 8, 1842, is the well-known proprietor of Young's Hotel, the Parker House, and the new Hotel Touraine, all of Boston, Mass. He has been a most generous patron of his native town. Its railroad was obtained through his influence, and he has been the means of securing the erection of many of the important buildings. In addition to giving the town the use of a fine library he has been a liberal contributor to the town house, the churches, and schools. He owns the New Boston Creamery, and is interested in farming. The people of New Boston are fortunate in counting among their number one who is so eminently successful and able, and who is so willing to promote the welfare of the community. Mary Whipple, born December 11, 1845, is the wife of Henry C. Sherwin, of Ayer, Mass., and has one son, Paul. William H., born September 29, 1849, died at the age of six years.

After growing up as a farm boy in New Boston, James B. Whipple went to Boston, Mass. Here he gradually worked his way upward, meeting with an unusual degree of success. To-day, in the capacity of landlord of the Tavern, he extends a genial welcome to all visitors of New Boston. His house has all the comforts and conveniences of a city hotel. In his hands the original building has been remodelled and enlarged, so that it has now thirty rooms, and accommodates fifty guests. All the appointments are of the best and up-to-date. Attached is a first-class livery. In association with his brother, J. Reed Whipple, he has been interested for a number

of years in Young's Hotel, the Parker House, and the Adams House of Boston. His popularity in his own town was agreeably expressed in 1895 by a complimentary dinner tendered him on his fifty-seventh birthday, when some excellent verses by "J. M. G." were read.



REN ALBERT SHERWIN, the Postmaster of Chesham, Harrisville, and a dealer in flour, grain, groceries, and general merchandise, was born in Charlestown, N.H., June 14, 1862, son of Benjamin A. and Clara F. (Towne) Sherwin. The grandfather, Eben Sherwin, one of triplets, resided at Grafton, Vt., and was father of four children—Benjamin A., George E., Melissa, and Malona.

Benjamin A. Sherwin, a native of New York State, was born May 11, 1837. When very young he removed to Vermont, where he lived until the time came for him to take charge of his own fortunes. Then he went to Dublin, where he married and resided most of the time for a number of years. Subsequently he went to Charlestown, N.H., but shortly after returned to Dublin. For the last twenty-eight years he has been in Harrisville, occupied in farming and milling. He is also interested with his son in a large general merchandise store at Chesham. His wife, Clara, was born at Nelson, N.H., March 8, 1839, daughter of Cornelius K. Towne, of Dublin. Her only child is the subject of this sketch.

Oren A. Sherwin was educated at Chesham, Harrisville, and at Walpole. After leaving school he went into business on a small scale. With the increase of business he increased his facilities, so that he has now a large and prosperous business. His heaviest work is during the summer, when he caters to a large population of summer residents at Silver Lake. Mr. Sherwin has recently been appointed Postmaster, and in that position is giving entire satisfaction. Being a man of ability and of irreproachable habits, he commands the respect of his townsmen. In politics he is a Republican, and he is an attendant of the Baptist church.

Mr. Sherwin married Lenora J. Stevens, who was born April 20, 1870, daughter of John Stevens, of Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. Sherwin have two children: Eva Beatrice, who was born at Chesham on April 12, 1893; and Mildred Lenora, who was born at Chesham on June 25, 1896.

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**ORRIN D. PRESCOTT**, a leading business man of Greenville, is a native of Mason, this State, where he was born

September 9, 1846, son of Charles and Lucy Ann (Flagg) Prescott. He is a descendant of the hero of Bunker Hill, who, wearing a silk dressing-gown, walked around the defences inspiring his men with courage, at the same time that he surprised the Red-coats by his audacious boldness. Another of his ancestors was William Prescott, the historian. Benjamin Prescott, the grandfather of Orrin D., was born in 1774, about the time the Revolutionary War began. He was a blacksmith by trade, and lived in Westford, Mass., where he worked in a forge. He was married in 1799 to Polly Reed, of Westford, and subsequently became the father of two children, neither of whom is now living.

Charles Prescott taught school for a number of terms when a young man. Afterward he learned the mason's trade, which he worked at for many years. He lived for a short time in New Ipswich, but the greater part of his life was passed in Mason, where he died at the age of fifty-eight years. His wife, who survived him many years, died at the age of eighty-one. Both were highly esteemed members of the Christian Church of Mason. He was a thorough-going Republican, and was actively interested in all the affairs of the town. For many years he was a member of the Board of Selectmen, and at one time he represented the town in the State legislature. His children were: Mary A., who is the widow of James L. Chamberlin, and has one child, Ida F. (see sketch of H. J. Taft); Emmeline, who is the wife of Frank L. Peabody, of Greenville; Nellie, who married Dr. E. J. Donnell, of Topeka, Kan.; Charles and Frederick, who are deceased; Eva F., now

Mrs. E. F. Pierce, of Leominster, Mass.; and Orrin D., the subject of this biography. The father was successful in business, and left a goodly property to be divided among his children.

Orrin D. Prescott, the seventh child of his parents, received his early education in his native town. Afterward he attended Wilbraham Academy in Massachusetts and Appleton Academy in New Ipswich. After his school days were over he worked for James L. Chamberlin for three years as book-keeper. In June, 1869, in company with his brother, Charles B., he purchased a general merchandise store, and carried it on under the firm name of Prescott Brothers. Charles, besides serving acceptably as Representative in the State legislature, was a Selectman for a number of years. At his death in the following year, Orrin D. took entire charge of the store, and has since carried it on alone. In 1883 he leased the grist-mill formerly owned by James L. Chamberlin, and he has since done a considerable business in grain.

On December 16, 1886, Mr. Prescott married Abbie L. Robbins, of Littleton, Mass. A Republican in politics, he has been prominent in the town affairs of Greenville, and was Town Treasurer for a number of years. He is a Mason of Souhegan Lodge and a member of Jerusalem Commandery at Fitchburg, Mass. He is also a member of Greenville Lodge, the I. O. O. F.

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**J**AYSON BURGE, who owns and occupies the old Burge homestead in Brookline, Hillsboro County, was born in this town, November 15, 1844, son of John and Philomela (Bennett) Burge. David Burge, his grandfather, who was born July 16, 1761, was an industrious farmer of Hollis, N.H. He died March 1, 1816. His wife, Betsey McIntosh Burge, who was born February 16, 1769, became the mother of six children, of whom John, J. Payson Burge's father, was the third-born. Mrs. David Burge died December 16, 1857.

John Burge was born in Hollis, March 22, 1806. When a young man he settled in

Brookline, and purchased the farm upon which his son, J. Payson, now resides. He was an energetic and successful farmer and a useful citizen; and his death, which occurred December 24, 1876, was much regretted. His wife, Philomela, whom he married April 13, 1832, was a daughter of Deacon Thomas Bennett, of Brookline, N.H. She became the mother of three children, namely: Catherine A., widow of Raymond J. Pierce, late of Brookline; Minerva E., who was born May 15, 1841, and died November 14, 1842; and J. Payson, the subject of this sketch. Mrs. John Burge died September 22, 1871. She and her husband attended the Congregational church, of which Mr. Burge became a member in 1842.

J. Payson Burge was educated in his native town, and since leaving school has given his attention to agricultural pursuits. He has hitherto resided at the homestead, and as a general farmer he is both practical and successful.

On June 1, 1870, Mr. Burge married Lucy C. Wright, daughter of Ozias Wright, of Brookline. Politically he supports the Republican party. Mr. and Mrs. Burge are members of the Congregational church.

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**J**OHN H. FARWELL, an enterprising merchant of Harrisville and formerly a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, was born in this town, March 17, 1868, son of Henry and Angeline M. (Hardy) Farwell. His grandfather, Samuel Farwell, who was a lumber manufacturer in Harrisville, married Lucinda Scripture, who bore him ten children; namely, Henry, Caroline, Mary, Josephine, Charles, Augusta, John, Frances, and two who died in infancy.

Henry Farwell, the father of John H., born in Fitchburg, Mass., and educated in Nelson, N.H., was for some years engaged in the manufacture of clothes-pins and lumber with his brother Charles. He is now living with his son. His wife, Angeline, who was born in Hollis, N.H., is a daughter of Page Hardy, also a native of Hollis. John H., the subject of this sketch, is their only child.

John H. Farwell acquired his education in Harrisville. For several years he was station agent at East Harrisville. Since retiring from that position he has been engaged in keeping a general country store in the village. He is meeting with good success as a merchant, and is popular with his patrons and the community in general. He represented Harrisville in the legislature of 1895-96, serving upon the Committee on Fish and Game. At present he is Supervisor, and has been a trustee of the town library for two years. He is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and attends the Congregational church.

Mr. Farwell married Nellie V. Cooper, a native of Greensboro, Vt., born in October, 1872, daughter of John J. Cooper. Mrs. Farwell is the mother of two children: Berdia M., born March 21, 1892; and Adra E., born May 7, 1893.

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**C**HARLES W. GOWING, formerly Selectman of the town of Dublin, and extensively engaged in farming and dairying, was born in this town, December 21, 1819, son of Joseph and Hepzibah (Fairbanks) Gowing. The paternal grandfather, James Gowing, who was born at Lynnfield, Mass., January 18, 1736, and died in Jaffrey, June 6, 1805, came to New Hampshire in 1777. He was a farmer by occupation. His wife, who was Lydia Wellman before her marriage, had a family of twelve children; namely, Lydia, Samuel, James, Benjamin, William, Aziel, Levi, Rosanna, Simeon, Thirza, Joseph, and Esther.

Joseph Gowing, born December 12, 1777, died October 13, 1838. In 1806 he settled in Dublin, where he became a highly successful farmer. He was much interested in military affairs, and was Captain in the State militia. He attended the Unitarian church. His wife, Hepzibah, who was born March 31, 1785, died October 13, 1843. She was the mother of eight children — Asa F., Joseph M., Zaman A., Louisa H., Anna A., Charles W., Lawater L., and Lydia R.

Having attended school at Dublin and

Peterboro, Charles W. Gowing worked out at farming until he was twenty-six years of age. Then he bought the farm that has since been his home. He does a large business in poultry, hogs, and cattle, and carries on general farming. He makes a specialty of producing fine dairy products, which find a ready market on account of their superior quality. He is active in town affairs, and has been Selectman for four years. In 1879 and 1880 he was Representative to the legislature, and while there he served on the Committee on Division of Towns. He is a member of the grange, and attends the Unitarian church.

Mr. Gowing married Julia Foster, who was born September 5, 1826, at Walpole, N.H., daughter of Ephraim Foster, of Dublin. They have had three children — Fred C., Mary A., and George F. Fred C., born in Dublin on October 23, 1855, since he left school has been associated with his father in farming. He is prominent in town affairs, has been Selectman for three years, and the Representative to the legislature for four years. In 1893-95 he served as chairman of the Legislative Committee on Industrial Schools. During his second term in the legislature he was a member of the Committee on Appropriations. He is a prominent Granger. He married Jennie Newton, of Troy, N.H., who was born in Marlboro, N.H., September 3, 1855, daughter of Martin Newton. They have three children — Alice M., Henry N., and Albert C. — all born in Dublin. Mary A. Gowing is now Mrs. James H. Hamill, and resides in Washington, D.C., where Mr. Hamill is a book-keeper. They have one child, Charles B. George F. Gowing died in 1881, seventeen years of age, having resided with his parents up to that time.

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**WILLIAM S. WHIPPLE**, a wealthy and influential farmer of Goffstown, was born here, December 2, 1836, son of John and Margaret (Annis) Whipple, the former a native of Bow, N.H., and the latter of Goffstown. Charles Whipple, grandfather of William S., served in the War of 1812. He settled in Goffstown about

1830 or 1835, and was a sturdy, industrious farmer there for the remainder of his days. He was a Baptist in his religious preferences and a Whig in politics. At his death, when seventy years old, he left a name highly respected by his townspeople.

John Whipple, father of the subject of this sketch, also owned and conducted a farm in Goffstown, and was also characterized by steady integrity and application to business. Both he and his wife were identified with the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics he was a Democrat. He died at the age of fifty-eight, and his wife lived to be over seventy. They had eight children, of whom there are now living: William S., Charles A., Amos W., and John L., all residents of Goffstown. Charles is in the west village, and Amos is on Pattee's Hill. The others were: Thomas L., Henry L., Mary F., and Andrew.

William S. Whipple was educated in the common schools of his native town. As he grew to young manhood, he became anxious to start out for himself. This he did at the age of nineteen, working on a farm by the month, receiving for his first month's wages fourteen dollars. Thrifty and persevering, he was able to buy his first land, a lot which covered two hundred acres, in 1871. While improving this property, he kept adding to it, so that to-day he owns about five hundred acres, and is one of the largest land-owners of this section. His residence is comfortable and substantial, and his farm buildings are good ones.

He has always been a busy, energetic worker, and has risen to his present position by his own efforts. His creed in religion is an independent one, and in politics he is a Democrat. He was Selectman for three terms, and has been Collector of Taxes, and held various other minor offices. At present he is Road Agent of the town. He belongs to the Patrons of Husbandry and the New England Benefit Order.

Mr. Whipple was married August 30, 1856, to Lydia Richards, who was born in Goffstown, June 29, 1837, daughter of True and Sophia (Wright) Richards. Her parents, na-

tives respectively of Goffstown and Westfield, Mass., successively died at the ages of sixty-three and seventy-six. Mr. Whipple and his wife have had seven children, one of whom is deceased. The others were born as follows: Willie E., in Manchester, April 13, 1861; Charles H., September 5, 1863; Fred S., June 2, 1866; Warren H., October 4, 1868; Dora E., in Goffstown, January 28, 1875; and Herman M., in Goffstown, October 10, 1877. Emma J., who was born March 13, 1858, died July 23, 1860.

**A**LBERT A. JUNKINS, a prominent farmer of Merrimac, N.H., was born in Bedford, this State, November 19, 1832, son of Henry and Hannah (Miller) Junkins. The Junkins family in America is of Scotch origin, and the branch in Merrimac came here from York, Me. Henry Junkins, son of Joseph Junkins, worked in South Boston at the trade of ship-carpenter in his earlier years. When about twenty-one years of age he came to New Hampshire, locating in this town, and there carried on general farming and some milling. He has been described as a "handy" and industrious man. He owned the farm where his son now resides, and died here, November 13, 1881, regretted by a large circle of friends. His religious views were broad and charitable. He believed in the beneficent agency of a liberal Christianity, and was not allied with any church organization. His political principles during the last part of his life, after the breaking up of the Whig party, were Democratic. He was twice married, his wives being sisters. There were three children by the first marriage, and five by the last. Of these Charlotte, Increase, Jesse, Albert A., and Mary are living.

Albert A. Junkins has spent the greater part of his life in Merrimac. He has kept his farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres in a good state of cultivation, and he has made many improvements upon it. On May 21, 1856, he was united in marriage with Miss Eleanor M. Holt, a Vermont lady, who died in 1880. In 1881 Mr. Junkins married Miss

Clara P. Hill, of Merrimac, who was born May 20, 1857, daughter of Franklin E. and Nancy E. (Tidd) Hill. Mr. Junkins is the father of ten children, five by the first marriage and five by the second. They are: Mary, James, Henry, Hattie, Alvah, Ernest, Clair, Morris, Hannah, and Jennie. Mr. Junkins is a Congregationalist in religious belief, while his wife is a believer in the tenets of Christian Science. In politics Mr. Junkins is a Democrat. He takes a loyal interest in town affairs. In the office of Town Treasurer he acceptably served the community for a period. A self-made man, he has the satisfaction of knowing that he has made his own way in the world. He is highly esteemed in Merrimac.

**A**LDEN YOUNGMAN, of South Merrimac, was born December 24, 1832, in Wilmot, Merrimack County, son of Jabez and Emma (Baldwin) Youngman. Mr. Youngman traces his ancestry in this country back through a number of generations represented by sturdy and upright men. His paternal ancestor five generations back was Francis Youngman, who married Anna Fisher Heath, of Dedham, Mass. He died in July, 1712, at Roxbury, Mass. His son Ebenezer, born November 2, 1690, who married Mercy Jones, died before 1734.

Nicholas Youngman, son of Ebenezer and great-grandfather of Alden Youngman, was born in 1732 in the city of Boston, and was living in Dunstable (Pine Hill in Hollis) in the year 1756. At first he was a weaver by trade. In later years, after moving to Hollis, he was engaged in farming. He joined the Continental army in July, 1776, and subsequently fought for independence together with his sons in Colonel Wingate's regiment. He also had sons-in-law in the war. Mary Wright Youngman, his first wife, belonged to the early Wright family of Hampden County and Springfield, Mass. The Wrights suffered much from the Indian depredations on the frontier. Some of the family were carried off by the red men, and

others died from injuries and exposure. About twelve years after Mary's death in Hollis, in 1802, Nicholas Youngman, then eighty-two years old, married Lydia Hobart. He died at the age of ninety-one years, honored for his devotion to his country and for his noble life and character. The four sons who fought in the war were: Ebenezer, John, Thomas, and Jabez. Ebenezer was killed at Bunker Hill. Jabez Youngman, the sixth of Nicholas's sons and the grandfather of Alden Youngman, was born in Hollis, March 4, 1764. He married Susannah Powers, and had a family of twelve children; namely, Jabez, Jr., Noah, David, Susanna, Hannah, Lucy, Stephen, Nathan, Willard, Hannah (second), Alden, and Mary. Jabez Youngman, Jr., who was born in Hollis, June 26, 1786, became a prominent man in Merrimack and Grafton Counties and a successful farmer. He was in the State legislature for eleven years in succession, was a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1850, and held various other offices of trust and responsibility. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a Universalist. His wife, Emma Baldwin Youngman, who died in 1877, was the mother of twelve children. Of these Emma B., Harriet B., and Alden are living.

Alden Youngman has spent his time chiefly in New Boston, Wilmot, Dorchester, and Merrimac. His early life was passed in Dorchester, and he was sent to the public schools of that town. His chief occupations have been farming and carpentering and other mechanical work. In 1884 he came to Merrimac, where he has a nice home and a well-cultivated farm of some thirty acres. He married in 1856 Miss Maria S. Smith, of New Boston, daughter of Sandy and Susan (Eayrs) Smith. She died in 1892, leaving one son, Charles F. Youngman, who, born in 1858, married Miss Jennie H. Hill. While in Dorchester Mr. Youngman was Selectman during three successive years, and since coming here he has served the town for the same length of time. He is also Justice of the Peace. In religion he is a Christian Scientist and in politics a stanch Republican. He has always been an energetic, stirring

man, and has made many friends by his affable manners and obliging disposition.

**A**SA H. BULLOCK, one of Richmond's most stirring farmers and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, June 9, 1833, son of Asa and Tamason (Cass) Bullock. The father settled upon a farm in the southern part of the township, and resided there until his death, which occurred August 19, 1874. In politics he was a Democrat. His first wife, Tamason Cass Bullock, who was a daughter of Jonathan Cass, died August 28, 1839, leaving one son, Asa H., the subject of this sketch. His second wife, Amy, daughter of Robert Swan, died in 1887. She was the mother of two children — Henry and Elizabeth.

Asa H. Bullock was educated in Richmond, and assisted his father on the homestead until he was twenty years old. He then bought the Major John Cass farm, upon which he located; and later he acquired the John Starkey place, which gave him all together an estate of two hundred acres. He conducts general farming, dairying, and stock-raising, keeps a number of excellent cows, and sells a large amount of cream. Politically, he supports the Democratic party, and he has devoted much time to public affairs. He served as Selectman five years, a part of the time being chairman of the Board, has been three times elected to the legislature, served upon the School Board, has been Moderator at town meetings a number of years, has presided over the Democratic Town Committee, is now Supervisor of the Check List, and has been chosen a delegate to many party conventions. He has been a trustee of the library since its establishment, was one of the organizers of Richmond Grange, No. 147, Patrons of Husbandry, in which he has served as Master and Overseer. In his religious belief he is a Universalist.

Mr. Bullock married Mary Randall, daughter of Stephen Randall, of this town, who bore him five children, as follows: Stephen A., born February 9, 1857; Luther C., born December 26, 1858, and died March 11, 1859;





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Mary D., born June 25, 1860, and died December 20, 1864; Frank R., born October 23, 1861, and died September 8, 1865; and Myron E., born November 28, 1866, and died March 30, 1869. The mother died October 2, 1884.

Stephen A. Bullock is now associated with his father in managing the farm. He occupies a prominent place in political affairs, being a member of the Democratic Town Committee; and he has been a Selectman six years, three of which he was chairman of the Board. He is a member of Beaver Brook Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Keene; is a charter member of the United Order of the Golden Cross, of which he has been Worthy Commander; and is also connected with the grange. He married Emma A. Thayer, and has three children—Frank S., Mary A., and Lizzie.

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**E**LBRIDGE GERRY WOODMAN, a retired manufacturer of Wilton, was born in Laconia, N.H., May 12, 1814, son of Daniel and Eunice (Crockett) Woodman. His grandfather, Andrew Woodman, who was a native of Durham, N.H., is said to have opened the first store in what is now Laconia. After remaining in business for a few years, Andrew engaged in farming. He moved to Boscawen, where he resided for a time, and his last days were passed with his son in Laconia. He married Mary Woodman, and reared a family of seven children, of whom none are now living. Both parents lived to a good old age. They were Congregationalists in religion.

Daniel Woodman, the eldest of Andrew's children, was born in the part of Meredith which is now included in Laconia. He learned the trades of blacksmith, machinist, and carpenter, becoming a skilful mechanic. He was afterward employed as a machinist in building the first cotton factory in Dover, N.H. Naturally energetic and possessing more than the ordinary ability in his line of work, his services were always in demand. His wife, Eunice, who was a daughter of Joshua Crockett, of Laconia, became the

mother of seven children, of whom there are living: Elbridge G., Asa D., and Harriet N. Asa D. married Sarah Miles, and his children are: George, Charles, and Sarah. Harriet N. is the widow of Elihu Merritt, late of Andover, N.H. Daniel Woodman died at the age of sixty-seven, and his wife lived to be ninety years old. They attended the Congregational church.

Elbridge Gerry Woodman was educated in Meredith. When a young man he began work in the repair shop of a cotton factory in Laconia. After finishing his apprenticeship at the machinist's trade in Chelmsford, Mass., he was for eight years overseer of a part of the men employed. He then worked in New York for a year, after which he came to Wilton, and formed the corporation known as the Wilton Manufacturing Company, of which he was superintendent for twenty-two years. This concern manufactured carpet yarns. He owned several shares of the capital stock. In 1874 he retired, having by his industry acquired a comfortable fortune; and he has since resided here, being one of the trustees of the Wilton Savings Bank for many years.

On September 3, 1839, Mr. Woodman was united in marriage with Mary A. Blanchard, daughter of Luther and Mary (Kenson) Blanchard, of Milford, N.H. He is highly respected for his business and social prominence, and his efforts in behalf of the industrial interests of Wilton. Politically, he acts with the Republican party. Both he and Mrs. Woodman are members of the Unitarian church.

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**J**AMES B. MERRILL, a retired farmer and influential citizen of Hudson, Hillsboro County, N.H., was born in this town, May 6, 1824, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Plummer) Merrill. His ancestry in this country is traced back to 1634, when Nathaniel Merrill came from England to America, and settled in Newbury, Mass. Here he remained until his death twenty years later, a progressive pioneer and universally esteemed. His wife was Susannah Jourdaine.

The next in the male line of descent was Abel Merrill, born at Newbury, 1646. He married Priscilla Chase, and lived to the age of forty-three years, dying October 28, 1689. His eldest son, Abel, Jr., born December 28, 1671, moved to West Newbury after he grew to maturity, and married January 19, 1694, Abigail Stevens. He became a very prominent citizen in his new home, and acquired a large property. He was active in church affairs and for many years a Deacon. His death occurred February 6, 1759.

Abel Merrill's son Nathaniel, born at West Newbury, March 1, 1712, was graduated at Harvard in 1732, and became pastor of the Congregational church at Rye, N.H. Upon the organization of the Congregational church at Hudson, then known as Nottingham West, he accepted a call to that new field of labor, his installation taking place November 30, 1737. He remained in this charge until his death in 1796. The Rev. Nathaniel Merrill's wife was Elizabeth Sargent. They were the parents of twelve children.

Nathaniel, Jr., born September 25, 1739, grew to manhood in Hudson; and on February 25, 1767, he married Olive Lund, of Dunstable (now Nashua). Prior to the Revolutionary War he held a commission as Ensign under His Majesty, King George III. of England; but upon the breaking out of the war he threw up his commission in the king's army, and loyally supported the cause of his native land. It is said that he sold a part of his farm, taking his pay in Continental money, which later depreciated in value to such an extent as to become practically a total loss. Nathaniel Merrill, Jr., died in 1785, leaving a wife and a son Benjamin, then only seventeen years of age, born in 1768, to care for her in these reduced circumstances.

Benjamin Merrill worked early and late, and succeeded in providing a good home for his mother in her last days. On July 25, 1820, he married Mrs. Sarah Plummer Eaton, and began housekeeping in the southern part of the township of Hudson, on the farm that is now owned by his descendants. He was a very prominent figure in the religious and

public affairs of Hudson, and was for many years a Deacon of the Presbyterian church. A man of keen discrimination and unfailing good judgment, he was often appointed referee; and his advice was often sought upon important questions and in the settlement of disputed points. Politically, he was a member of the old Whig party. His death took place April 25, 1849, at the age of eighty-one years. His wife died October 25, 1853, aged seventy-one years. Their four children were: Benjamin A., Ebenezer B., James B., and William T. Merrill.

James B. Merrill spent his boyhood days upon his father's farm, attending the public schools and making the most of all educational opportunities which were offered him. Early in life he worked at carpentering, and he continued to follow that occupation for many years. He has also done a large amount of general farming. Of amiable disposition and generous qualities of heart and mind, he has made many warm and appreciative friends in the course of his long and useful life, and has established a reputation for integrity and good citizenship such as all men respect. Mr. Merrill has now retired from active business.

On January 22, 1857, Mr. Merrill was married to Miss Persis A. Winn, a lady born in Hudson and daughter of William and Persis (Moore) Winn. Two sons and a daughter have blessed this union, namely: Annie Gertrude Merrill; James Everett Merrill, a carpenter of Hudson, who married Miss Etta S. Marble, and is the father of Karl E. and Ethel G. Merrill; and George Anderson Merrill, who married Emma B. Winn, and has one son, Winn Merrill.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Merrill are faithful and valued members of the Congregational church. In politics Mr. Merrill is a loyal Republican, and has held many offices of trust and responsibility in his native town. He has been Town Clerk and Treasurer for several terms, has served as Selectman, and he represented the town in the State legislature in 1876. Fraternally, Mr. Merrill is a member of Hudson Grange, P. of H.; and also of the United Order of the Golden Cross.

**I**RA JOSLIN PROUTY, M.D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Keene, was born in Ogdensburg, N.Y., August 15, 1857, and is a son of Dr. Ira French Prouty, late of this town. The latter, a son of Willard and Sally Prouty, of Langdon, N.H., was born November 9, 1812. In his boyhood he attended the academies at Bellows Falls and at Chester, Vt., and later read medicine with Dr. Lowell, of Chester, and with Dr. Lawrence, of Saxton's River. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1837, and he practised successively in Illinois, New Hampshire, and New York before coming to Keene in 1863. A popular man in the community, he was elected to the Board of Education for eight years, and was sent to represent the town in the State legislature, and was on the Board of Aldermen of the city of Keene. In the legislature he was active in securing State aid for Dartmouth College. He married for his first wife Emily F. Babcock. His second wife, Elsie, a daughter of Deacon Luke and Lydia Joslin, of Stoddard, is now living with her son, Dr. Ira J. Prouty. Deacon Joslin, who was one of the early settlers of Stoddard, came to Keene in 1856.

Ira J. Prouty graduated from the Keene High School at the age of eighteen years, and then took a special course at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, preparatory to studying medicine. He took his medical course in the University of New York, graduating in 1882, and immediately settled in practice at Keene. Since his graduation from the medical school he has done special post-graduate work in various hospitals in the States, and during the winter of 1893-94 in hospitals of Great Britain and other countries of Europe. He is especially devoted to surgical practice, and physicians send from long distances to consult with him on important cases in surgery. He is a member of the American Medical Society and of the New Hampshire Medical Society; also of the Connecticut River Valley Medical Society, of which he has been president. He is often sent as delegate to other societies outside the State. Many of the papers read before these societies by him have been published in vari-

ous medical and scientific journals. He was one of the original Board of Trustees of the Elliott City Hospital and on its first staff of physicians. He is also secretary of the New Hampshire Surgical Club. Dr. Prouty has been city physician of Keene and a member of the Board of Health, and he has served on the Board of Education for six years. He is a member of Beaver Brook Lodge, I. O. O. F.

On July 19, 1882, Dr. Prouty was first married to Miss Marietta Humphrey, of Keene. She became the mother of his son, Ira Humphrey Prouty, who was born April 25, 1885. Mrs. Prouty died in 1894. A second marriage on June 23, 1896, united the Doctor with Miss Elizabeth F. Howe, of Dublin, N.H., who lived only a short time after.

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**H**ON. JOHN McGAW PARKER, of Parker's Station, Goffstown, is one of the most widely known business men of Hillsboro County. He and his brother, David A. Parker, were known as the "lumber kings of Southern New Hampshire." Born in Goffstown, September 17, 1822, son of William and Hannah (Adams) Parker, he is a descendant of Josiah Parker, who came from England to this country prior to the year 1700, and settled in Cambridge, Mass. Josiah's son Thomas was a preacher and the first settled minister at Dracut, Mass., where he died in 1765. John Parker, son of the Rev. Thomas and the grandfather of the Hon. John McGaw Parker, was an early settler and farmer of Litchfield, N.H. He afterward came to Goffstown, where his death occurred in 1822. He served in the Revolutionary War.

William Parker, the second son of John, born in 1775, spent the active years of his life in Goffstown, extensively engaged in farming, lumbering, and storekeeping. He died in Goffstown in 1839, aged about sixty-four years. In politics he was a Whig, in religion a Congregationalist, and a member of the church of that denomination in Goffstown. For his first wife he married Hannah Aiken, who died September 30, 1818. His second and last marriage was with Mrs. Hannah

McGaw, whose maiden name was Hannah Adams. She was born August 22, 1788, in Derry, N.H., and died February 26, 1869, in Goffstown, in the eighty-first year of her age. The children of the first marriage were: Rodney, George W., Caroline, and Margaret Ann. Those of the second were: Hannah A., born November 13, 1819; John McGaw, the subject of this sketch; David Adams, born October 5, 1824; and William Henry, born August 6, 1831.

John McGaw Parker, the only surviving child of William Parker, was educated at the Goffstown common school, at Hopkinton and Derry Academies, and at the school at Concord, N.H. When seventeen years old he became a clerk in a store in Concord and later at Goffstown. Beginning in 1843, at the age of twenty-one, he had been engaged in business for himself at Goffstown for thirty-three years when in 1876 he was succeeded by his sons. In 1848, with his brother, David A. Parker, he formed a copartnership in the lumber business, which was continued until the death of his brother in 1895. Their extensive and successful enterprises in this direction caused them to be called the "lumber kings of Southern New Hampshire." Since the death of his brother John McGaw Parker has been busily engaged in settling the large estate left by the latter and in selling the lumber in which they had a mutual interest. One of the largest individual land-owners in Hillsboro County, he continues to carry on a large business in farming and lumbering.

In 1854 Mr. Parker married Miss Letitia Stintson, daughter of Charles Stintson. Their three sons—Charles S., Henry W., and Frank A.—are bright, wide-awake business men. Charles S. and Frank A., the eldest and youngest, succeeded their father in the store which he established in Goffstown in 1843, and which is to-day the leading store in the place. Henry W. conducts a successful wholesale grocery business in Manchester, N.H. Parker's Station, where Mr. and Mrs. Parker reside, derives its name from the family. Mr. Parker is a stanch Republican. He served as State Senator in 1859-60, and

has been successively a member of the Council of Governor Prescott and Governor Cheney. For twenty years Mr. Parker has been on the State Board of Equalization. He holds liberal views regarding religion.

 SAMUEL C. FOLLANSBEE, who owns and occupies a desirable farm situated in the suburbs of Nashua, was born in Merrimac, N.H., August 28, 1816, son of Samuel and Mehitable (Clifford) Follansbee. His grandfather, also named Samuel, a native of England, who was an early settler of Hillsboro County, and resided in Merrimac, joined the Continental army, and was killed in the Revolutionary War. The father, who was born in Hillsboro County, learned the cooper's trade, and followed it for several years. He later became a miller, and was also the owner of a good farm in Merrimac. He was an able business man and a tireless worker, and was highly respected for his industry and integrity. In polities he was a Democrat. His last days were spent upon his farm, and he lived to be eighty-three years old. His wife, who was a native of Loudon, N.H., became the mother of eleven children, four of whom are living, namely: Samuel C., the subject of this sketch; Washington W., a resident of Merrimac; Franklin W., who resides in Manchester, N.H.; and Lucinda Page, who lives in Boston. The others were: Charles, Arminda, Clifton, James, Elsie, and two who died young. Mrs. Samuel Follansbee died at the age of eighty-one years.

Samuel C. Follansbee was educated in the schools of Merrimac. After completing his studies he resided for a time in Nashua. At the age of seventeen he went to Boston, and there resided for more than forty years, following various lines of business. He finally returned to Nashua, and since 1881 has given his attention to agricultural pursuits. He owns a farm of thirty acres, which he has greatly improved, and it would be difficult to find in New England a more pleasantly located rural residence.

Mr. Follansbee is unmarried. He has by

his own industry and perseverance obtained a comfortable competency, and is passing his declining years in comparative ease. He entertains liberal views in regard to religion, and in politics he is a Republican.

**E**ARL EVANS, M.D., of Winchester, one of the busiest medical practitioners in this part of the county, was born in Brookline, Vt., November 30, 1838, son of Charles and Philema (Fuller) Evans. Charles Evans, who was a native and well-to-do farmer of Royalton, Vt., spent the greater part of his active life in that State. He was a man of much natural intelligence and executive ability, and was a leading spirit among the Democrats of his locality during the Rebellion, availing himself of every opportunity to discuss the political issues of the day. He was the father of eight children, of whom Earl, the subject of this sketch, was the first-born.

Earl Evans, after completing an academic course, taught school for a season, and then began the study of medicine with Dr. Edwin C. Cross. He studied at the Harvard Medical School for a time, but got the greater portion of his professional training at the Berkshire Medical College, Pittsfield, Mass., where he was a pupil of Professor H. H. Childs, and was graduated with high honors. He first began practice at West Swanzey, then he followed his profession in Winchester and afterward in Boston; but, finding that the climate of the New England metropolis was undermining his health, he decided to settle in the country, and came to Winchester, where he has since resided. His practice embraces not only this but most of the adjoining towns, and he therefore spends much time in driving. He has acquired a high place in his profession, and his reputation extends beyond the limits of this county and State. He is a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society, the Cheshire County Medical Society, and the Connecticut River Valley Medical Society; has been a member of the American Medical Association for the past twenty years; belongs to the International Association; and

in 1890 he was chosen a delegate from the American Association to the International Medical Congress at Berlin. He is the proprietor of a well-equipped drug store in Winchester, which is managed by an experienced pharmacist, and contains a full line of medicines, chemicals, and kindred articles.

Dr. Evans married Helen E. Buffum, only daughter of Captain David Buffum, late of Swanzey. Mrs. Evans's father, who was a prominent business man, assisted in raising Company I, Sixteenth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, and died while serving in the Civil War. Dr. Evans occupies a handsome residence, which he erected in 1876.

**C**HARLES F. MELENDY, a well-known farmer and manufacturer of the town of Temple, N.H., Hillsboro County, is a native of Brookline, this State, where he was born December 31, 1844, son of Thomas and Mary (Badger) Melandy. Thomas Melandy, his father, also a native of Brookline, was a lumberman and farmer by occupation, and was an industrious and worthy citizen. Keenly alive to his public duties, he took an active interest in both town and county affairs, and represented Ward Eight of Nashua in the State legislature. His death occurred in 1888. Of the five children born to him only two are now living: Charles F., of Temple; and Hervey D. Melandy, of Nashua.

Charles F. Melandy grew to manhood in Milford, and received his early education in the district schools and in the high school of that town. Later he attended Dartmouth College with the intention of fitting himself to be a civil engineer. Owing, however, to poor health he was obliged to change his plans; and he engaged in lumbering in his native town and in Lowell, owning lands also in the West, principally in Wisconsin. He has done considerable lumbering in Canada, and he also carries on general farming in Temple. His most recent enterprise is the wooden box manufactory at Hudson, where he is at present doing a prosperous business, working up half a million feet of lumber per month. He

cuts annually about four million feet of standing timber, and employs a force of from seventy-five to one hundred and twenty-five men. The box factory has the latest improved machinery, and his portable saw-mill located at Wilton is a first-class mill of its kind.

On January 3, 1889, Mr. Melendy was united in marriage with Miss Eva D. Hutchinson, a native of Milford and daughter of N. C. Hutchinson. Mr. and Mrs. Melendy have two living children—Adelia R. and Marion P. A son, Charles F., is now deceased.

Although a believer in the beneficent effects of a broad Christianity, Mr. Melendy is not connected with any church. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of Benevolent Lodge, No. 7, F. & A. M. Mr. Melendy's business career may well be taken as an illustration of what may be accomplished by thrift and industry, associated with enterprise and honesty. He is sole proprietor of his box-making business, which is the leading industry in Hudson, and has the satisfaction of feeling that his success in life has been won and merited by his own unaided effort.

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**J**OHN TROW McCOLLOM, a carpenter and highly respected citizen of Mont Vernon, Hillsboro County, N.H., was born in this town, July 28, 1835, son of Milton and Sophronia (Trow) McCollom. His father was a descendant of early Scotch-Irish settlers of Londonderry, N.H., the records showing that Alexander McCollom and his wife immigrated to that place about 1730.

From the History of New Boston we learn that his son Alexander, second, married Elizabeth McMurphy (who was of another Scottish family that came to this country after having lived for a time in the north of Ireland), and in 1758 settled at New Boston, where at the time of the incorporation of the town he was chosen Town Clerk. His son Alexander, third, the next to occupy the homestead, was for several years a Selectman of New Boston. Later he removed to Mont Vernon, where his declining years were

passed, and where he died somewhat more than fifty years ago. He and his wife, Mary Patterson, reared a large family of children, one of their sons being Milton, father of the subject of this sketch. Another son was George W. McCollom, late of New York City, who, a few years before his death, gave, in memory of his wife, a number of thousand dollars as an endowment fund to the school at Mont Vernon, then known as the Appleton Academy, and since flourishing under the name of the McCollom Institute.

Milton McCollom was born in New Boston, but came a few years later to Mont Vernon. In early manhood he worked at carpentry, and subsequently for a score of years he kept an inn on the Henniker road. He died in 1851. Four of the children born to him and Sophronia, his wife, are living, namely: Mary E., widow of Daniel Baker, residing in Mont Vernon; Charles R., of Goffstown, N.H.; John T., of Mont Vernon; and Fannie E., wife of W. S. A. Starrett, of Mont Vernon.

John Trow, the younger son, received a fair common-school education. He was sixteen years old at the time of his father's death, and since then has been practically dependent upon his own resources. After being employed for four years at a variety of occupations, at the age of twenty he began learning the carpenter's trade; and for about thirty-five years he worked summers at his trade, and winters he did lumbering. He has lived in Mont Vernon village since 1857, or nearly forty years.

In 1865, at the age of thirty, Mr. McCollom married Miss Emily J. Starrett, daughter of Deacon Joseph A. Starrett, late of Mont Vernon. She died April 20, 1867, leaving one daughter, Mary B., who lives in Nashua, N.H. In 1877 Mr. McCollom married Mrs. Theresa M. Cristy, who is a daughter of the late Isaac Smith, of Deering, N.H. There are no children by this union.

In politics Mr. McCollom is a Democratic partisan. He has served four years as Selectman, one of which he was chairman of the Board, and he has frequently been solicited to accept other positions of trust. He was a

charter member of Prospect Grange, but is not at present connected therewith. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church, and she is an active worker in the Ladies' Home Circle of Mont Vernon.

**M**ARSHALL E. DANA, an enterprising farmer of Westmoreland, was born in Weston, Vt., November 17, 1851, son of Thomas and Mary (Chilson) Dana. The father died in April, 1891, and the mother in 1877. Their children were: Marian, Wallace, Edgar, Marshall E., Edna, Stella, Allston W., and Fenalla. Marian resides at Mount Holly. Wallace is married, and lives in the same place. Edgar died at the age of thirty-two. Edna lives in Topeka, Kan., and is the wife of Frank Parkhurst. Stella, who married John Robinson, is no longer living. Allston W., who is a lawyer of Topeka, Kan., was educated at Barre, Vt., and at Tufts College. During his Junior year at college the town of Barre, Vt., tendered him the position of principal of Barre Academy, an offer signifying the value set upon his abilities and services. Mr. Dana accepted, and taught at the academy for several years. He then took up the study of law, and removed to Topeka. In due time he was admitted to the bar, and he has since acquired an extensive practice in that place. His sister Fenalla, who also resides in Topeka, is principal of the grammar school. She graduated from Goddard Seminary at Barre.

Marshall E. Dana received his education at Mount Holly, the home of his boyhood. After assisting for a time on his father's farm he spent three years employed in the chair factory owned by ex-Governor Washburn, of Erving, Mass. Subsequently he returned to Mount Holly, and worked on his father's farm for about six years. Afterward he went to Keene, where in 1886 he worked in a furniture factory. In the spring of this year Mr. Dana bought a farm of two hundred and fifty-six acres in Westmoreland, formerly owned by Abijah French. He has since become an extensive farmer, keeping about fifty head of cattle, with about thirty cows. In partner-

ship with others he has also been profitably engaged in lumbering. He has been a Selectman for the past two years, and during the year of 1896 he was chairman of the Board. He was formerly a Republican, but, not believing in a high tariff, he has changed to the Democratic party. He is a member of Great Meadow Lodge of the Grange Association, and also belongs to the Order of the Golden Cross.

On December 8, 1884, Mr. Dana married Dora, daughter of Charles and Hannah T. (Cary) Giffin. Her father, who was formerly in the grocery and provision business, now follows the trade of mason. His only other child, Fred W., died at the age of fifteen years. Mr. Dana and his wife have had four children—Marian Giffin, Charles Giffin, Burton Giffin, and Floyd Giffin Dana.

**E**DDY B. SWETT, M.D., a physician of Goffstown, was born in Nashua, N.H., November 3, 1867, son of Newell S. and Lucy F. (Abbott) Swett. Newell S. Swett was born in Gilmanton, N.H., and his wife came from Belvidere, Mass. He is now a busy tobacco merchant in Boston, Mass. In the late war he served as a sharpshooter with the Army of the Potomac for three years, was wounded at the battle of the Wilderness, and was discharged in 1864. He is a member of the G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican, and he attends the Baptist church. He and his wife reside in Boston. They have two children; namely, Eddy B. and Arthur N. Arthur has just graduated from the Medford (Mass.) High School.

Eddy B. Swett grew up in the city of Boston, where he attended the public schools. He was also for some time in Medford, Mass. In 1886 he entered Harvard Medical School, and, after completing the full course, graduated in 1889. He then located in Marlboro, Mass., where he remained two years. From there he went to Goffstown Centre, now called Grasmere, where he has since followed his profession. He is liberal in his religious views, and in politics is an Independent. The community has the advantage of his ser-

vices on the Board of Health. He is a member of both the Massachusetts and New Hampshire Medical Societies, and also of the Manchester Medical Association and Centre District Medical Society of Concord. He is also connected with the Odd Fellows of Goffstown, Knights of Pythias of Grasmere, Sons of Veterans and P. of H. at Grasmere.

On June 2, 1892, he married Ettie E. Ballard, who was born in Yonkers, N.Y., August 8, 1869, daughter of Edward O. Ballard, now of New York City. They have two children: a little daughter born January 1, 1895; and a son, born February 12, 1897. The large and successful practice already acquired by Dr. Swett furnishes ample justification to predict a bright future for him. It is entirely of the character always to be obtained by skill, tact, and energy. An enthusiast in his profession, he has the support of the best people in the district.

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**S**TEPHEN P. RANDALL, for many years a prominent and highly respected resident of Winchester, was born in this town, July 4, 1810, son of Stephen and Esther (Hammond) Randall. His grandfather, Abram Randall, who was one of the pioneers of Richmond, came here from Rhode Island, settling in the northern part of the town. Stephen, one of Abram's ten children, settled on Roaring Brook, Winchester, where he carried on the business of cloth-dresser, and managed a large farm until his death in 1839, at the age of sixty-four years. He was an active politician, but did not care to hold office himself. He was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Esther Hammond, had seven children. The second wife, Ascenith Smith Randall, bore him five children.

Stephen P. Randall attended the common schools of his native town. His early advantages for acquiring knowledge were not extended; but, such as they were, he made the most of them, and gained a practical working knowledge, which served as a basis for what he acquired later in life through observation and experience. He remained with his father

until he was twenty-one years of age, and then set out for Boston, determined to win for himself success, even if he had to begin at the bottom of the ladder. He secured work at first in an express office. Here he worked faithfully, carefully observing how the business was conducted. At the end of a year he started an express business for himself. In this he was very successful, and there is no doubt but that he would have continued in it for many years had not failing health made it necessary for him to return to country life. He came back to his native town, which he had left as a poor boy nine years before, bought the Judge Weeks place, and settled upon it as a farmer. He did considerable cattle-raising, and in all the departments of his business he met with uniform success. At one time he was a director of the National Bank. In politics he was a Democrat, but he never cared to take an official part in public life, although he was an active politician.

Mr. Randall married for his first wife Laura, daughter of Oliver Ward. She was the mother of his four children — Sarah, Laura, Augusta, and Adelaide. The last named is the only child now living. Sarah died, aged twenty-one years; Laura, aged two; and Augusta, aged thirty. The mother died September 29, 1868. For his second wife Mr. Randall married Mrs. Martha A. Smith, daughter of Zenas Fairbanks. There were no children by this marriage. Mr. Randall attended the Universalist church, and generously contributed to its support. While not fond of going into society, he delighted in the companionship of his family and of his friends. His daughter cherishes many pleasant memories of his affectionate and thoughtful bearing toward those of his own household, and of his kindness toward all who might be in need of sympathy or counsel. He died on November 23, 1895.

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**W**ILLIAM STEVENS, for many years one of the most influential citizens of Mont Vernon, was born here, July 28, 1816, son of Asa and Mary Ann (Appleton) Stevens. The traditions and geneal-

ogy of the family have been preserved since the time when Colonel Thomas Stevens, of London, was one of the stockholders in the Massachusetts Bay Company. Colonel Stevens, who belonged to an old Devonshire family, and was an armorer by trade, assisted in sending out the party of settlers that came to Salem in 1628 under John Endicott; and his was one of the signatures on the paper of instructions given to the emigrants. The necessary weapons were furnished by him. His subscription to the company's capital was fifty pounds sterling.

In 1660 Colonel Stevens sent three sons and one daughter to the colony. Cyprian, the youngest, then only fourteen years of age, finally settled in Lancaster, Mass., and married there a Miss Mary Willard. The youngest of their five children, Joseph, born in 1682, moved to Salisbury, where he married Prudence Rice, of that town. Later he took up land in Rutland, where he was one of the first five settlers. At that time the depredations of Indians were constantly occurring. One day, in Rutland, as Joseph Stevens and his four sons were making hay, they were surprised by the savages, and two of the boys were killed. The red men were preparing to kill the youngest also, Isaac, who was only four years old, when Phineas, the eldest boy, who had been taken prisoner, made his captors understand that he would carry the little fellow on his back. Although only sixteen years old, he carried his brother through the wilds as far as Canada, where they were held prisoners for nearly a year. At the end of that time, with great difficulty and only after the father, who had fortunately escaped at the time of the raid, had made two journeys to Canada, they were ransomed. Phineas lived to become the famous Captain Phineas Stevens, of Charlestown, N.H., who gave his life for his country in 1756. Isaac, whose life had been so wonderfully preserved, grew to manhood, and married in 1743 Mary Hubbard, of Rutland. She died three years after her marriage, leaving a son and a daughter. In 1748 Isaac entered a second marriage with Abigail Parling, who bore him three sons and a daughter.

Calvin Stevens, the youngest son of Isaac by his second wife, born in Rutland, January 27, 1753, married Esther Wilkins, and in 1776 went to Hillsboro, N.H., where he lived for nearly a half-century. In 1821, four of his children having settled in Mont Vernon, he came to this town, and died some years later. He was a soldier of the Continental army in the Revolution, and was one of the heroes of Bunker Hill. In Hillsboro, where he spent the best part of his life, he was very prominent in public life. He had a family of thirteen children; and among his descendants is the Hon. George A. Marden, late Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, and since a Senator in that State. Asa, the father of William Stevens, was the seventh child of Calvin, and was born at Hillsboro, February 5, 1787. His wife, to whom he was married in 1811, was a daughter of the Rev. Joseph Appleton, of Boston, and a sister of the late Hon. William Appleton, of that city. After their marriage they settled in Mont Vernon, where seven children were born to them.

William Stevens was educated in the common schools of his native town and at the institution in Hancock, N.H. In 1838 he went to Illinois. After remaining there for a time, he came East to Manchester, N.H., and worked in the Stark Mills, then managed by his cousin, John A. Burnham, Esq., late of Boston. After working in Manchester for a few weeks, he went to Boston, and was for a time a salesman in a clothing store. In 1841 he went to New York City, having been offered employment there by his brother, who was carrying on an extensive business in smoked provisions. In his brother's employ he had spent a year and a half, when he bought stock and started business for himself. He located successively in Wall Street, Ludlow Street, and Wooster Street. At this store in Wooster Street, to which he moved in 1846, he and his brother Asa, under the firm name of William & Asa Stevens, carried on an extensive and prosperous business until June, 1865, when he retired from active business life, and came to Mont Vernon. Here he purchased the Stevens homestead, where his

father had lived, and where he had spent the early part of his own life, and thereafter made it his home. In his hands the property was much improved. A very popular man, he was repeatedly a candidate for the legislature. On one of these occasions, for the first time in the history of the town, he defeated his Democratic opponent.

Mr. Stevens married for his first wife Louisa W. Dye, of Newark, N.J., who became the mother of four daughters—Mary Ann, Ella, Catherine, and Frances E. Mary Ann is now the wife of Charles F. Wilkins, of Omaha, Neb.; and Catherine is the wife of C. Henry Hobbie, of Omaha. On January 4, 1876, Mr. Stevens married Mrs. Helen L. Ober Whipple, the widow of John Whipple, late of New Boston, N.H., who was taken prisoner in the late war, and died in a Southern prison. By this marriage Mr. Stevens has one daughter, Helen Willette, born September 3, 1880. Mr. Stevens died January 5, 1887, sincerely regretted by the townspeople, as well as by his family and friends.



**C**OLONEl CHARLES SCOTT, Deputy Sheriff of Hillsboro County and one of the best known and most popular residents of Peterboro, is a native of the town, and was born April 14, 1829, and is a son of William and Phylinda (Crossfield) Scott. Colonel Scott comes of a family that has produced gallant soldiers. His great-grandfather was Major William Scott, an officer in the Revolution. Major Scott was born in Townsend, Mass., and moved from there to Dublin, N.H., at an early age. On January 1, 1747, he was appointed Captain of Company 8, in recognition of his bravery. He served with honorable distinction throughout the great conflict, and was mustered out of the service in 1789. Later he attained the rank of Major. After the war he retired to Peterboro, and engaged in farming. In 1796 he died in Litchfield, N.Y. His father, Alexander Scott, who was one of the first five settlers of Peterboro, coming from the north of Ireland, was of

Scotch-Irish descent. He remained in Peterboro only a short time, and then went to Dublin, N.H. About 1749 or 1750, however, he came back to Peterboro, cleared a large tract of land, and kept a tavern there for some time. No record of his death or of his marriage has been found.

Major William Scott had a son, John, who joined the Continental army when only thirteen years of age as a drummer boy, and served throughout the war. After its close John returned to Peterboro, cleared a farm, and resided thereon during the rest of his life, dying at the age of eighty-two years and nine months. He was Selectman for ten years, and in 1840 was one of the Presidential Electors. In politics a Democrat, he took a lively interest in town affairs, and was a very prominent man. He married Bethia Ames, of Groton, who was a member of the Unitarian church. She had nine children, all now deceased. William, father of Colonel Scott, was the seventh child of John. His birth occurred in Peterboro, February 19, 1801. He was a farmer, and lived on the old homestead. In politics he was a Democrat, and he was Selectman of the town for many years and its Representative in the legislature for some time. At his death he was only forty-five years of age. The first of his two marriages was contracted with Phylinda Crossfield, who bore him nine children; and the second, with Malinda Ward, who had two children. The six children of the first marriage now living are as follows: Susan A., born July 4, 1825, now the widow of Robert Orr, of Corinth, Vt.; William H., born July 30, 1826, who married Maria D. Farnham, of Peterboro; Sophronia D., born June 25, 1827, now the wife of Dr. John Allyn, of California; Charles Scott, the subject of this sketch; Phylinda C., born April 26, 1830, now Mrs. Willey; and Walter, born September 23, 1835, who married Laura M. Day, of Peterboro, now the mother of Fred and Charles Scott. The children of William Scott's second marriage are Mary and John. Mary, born November 11, 1841, married George H. Clarke, of Peterboro, and has six children—George H., Lucinda, Willie, Lotta, Ellen,

and Sophronia. Albert S. Scott, the eldest brother of Colonel Scott, born May 8, 1824, died August 14, 1877. He was in the State legislature in 1855-57 and in 1866-67, and he was Councillor for his district in 1875-76. In 1877 he was trustee of the New Hampshire Agricultural College at Durham. He married Annie Sawyer, whose son by him, William A. Scott, born December 8, 1856, is living. Colonel Scott's other brother, Kendall C., born April 26, 1830, who died January 3, 1875, married Lucy Ann Clarke, of Sharon, N.H. She now makes her home in Keene, N.H.

Colonel Scott received his early training in the schools of Peterboro, and then began to work as clerk in a store of the town, residing on the home farm. After being here for a few years he spent two years more in a cabinet factory, employed in veneering. Later he purchased the Peterboro *Transcript*, which he published for three years and a half, and then sold it to his brother. He was then appointed Deputy Sheriff and subsequently Sheriff of the county of Hillsboro, which office he held for eighteen years. In politics Colonel Scott is a Republican. He has been Moderator for over twenty years, and he represented the town in the legislature of 1874, 1891, and 1893. During the Civil War Colonel Scott enlisted in the Sixth New Hampshire Regiment, went out as Major, and was appointed as Lieutenant Colonel of the regiment. He had been in the service for a year and a half, when on account of sickness he became disabled and was obliged to resign. After coming back to Peterboro, he was appointed Deputy Sheriff, and has been in that position to the present time. He has also done considerable business as an auctioneer. Colonel Scott was influential in securing the introduction of the Peterboro water-works. In 1896 he was a candidate for State Senator for a term of two years, and was elected for the ensuing session. He has been Judge of the Police Court since its establishment, a period of five years. Colonel Scott is a director of the Bell Factory Corporation, and he has been the president of the Contoocook Savings Bank for the last two years.

Colonel Scott has been twice married. The first marriage was contracted with Mary S. Fuller, of Peterboro, daughter of Charles Fuller. Their two children died in infancy. Colonel Scott's second marriage was with Charlotte W. Wilkins, daughter of Moses Wilkins. She is the mother of three children, namely: Mary E., born May 13, 1865, now Mrs. Harry W. Ramsdell, of Nashua, N.H.; Kate S., born July 2, 1870, now the wife of Professor L. G. Smith, of Pawtucket, R.I.; and Emma C., born September 26, 1877.

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**M**OSES CASS, one of the foremost citizens and real estate owners of Richmond, Cheshire County, was born in this town, February 27, 1850, son of Nahum and Lucina (Cook) Cass. He is a descendant of Daniel Cass, a Quaker, who was born in Smithfield, R.I., November 29, 1724, and removed to Richmond as a pioneer, bringing his family with him. He became a large land-owner, and was Selectman and Town Clerk in 1765. He died in October, 1798. His children were: Lemuel, Joseph, Hannah, Mary, Daniel, Jonathan, Josiah, Sarah B., John, and Mordecai, all of whom were born in Smithfield except the youngest two.

Jonathan Cass, the fourth son as here named, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born March 31, 1756. He resided for some time on the farm formerly occupied by the late Joseph Swan; and a part of his last years were spent in Fitzwilliam, N.H., but he died May 11, 1838, in Richmond, aged eighty-two years. He married for his first wife Zilpha, daughter of John Martin, and for his second wife Lydia Sargent. By his first marriage he had nine children; namely, Sarah, Martin, Provided, Daniel, Mary, Jonathan, Hannah, Zilpha, and Otis.

Martin Cass, son of Jonathan and Zilpha, and grandfather of Moses Cass, was born in Richmond, December 3, 1781. He settled upon a farm in the north part of the town, and by his industry became the owner of considerable real estate. He died October 20, 1837.

His wife, Margaret, daughter of Moses Allen, died May 2, 1865, aged eighty-one years. Martin and Margaret (Allen) Cass were the parents of fifteen children; namely, Alvin, Martin and Margaret (twins), Orace, Sylvester, Josiah B., Augustus, Sarah, Edwin, Willard, Abaz, Zephaniah A., Nahum, Moses A., and Mary. Of these the only survivor is Zephaniah.

Nahum Cass, one of the younger sons, father of Moses, was born in Richmond, September 7, 1823. In early life he was engaged in teaming and general farming, and he followed the latter occupation throughout his active period. He acquired possession of a large tract of timber land, from which he cut and hauled the lumber, and was for many years closely identified with the business interests of Richmond. He took a leading part in public affairs, serving as Tax Collector, Constable, and Moderator at town meetings, and as Justice of the Peace attending to a great deal of legal business. He cast his first Presidential vote for James K. Polk and his last for Grover Cleveland, having voted the Democratic ticket at every State election for fifty-one years. In his religious views a Universalist, he was a man of strong convictions and of high moral principles, thoroughly honest and fair-dealing. Nahum Cass died September 30, 1895. His first wife, Lucina, daughter of Nicholas Cook, died June 13, 1853; and on November 23 of the same year he married for his second wife Martha J., daughter of Luke Aldrich. He had two children by his first marriage and three by the second, the record being as follows: Edmund, who died in infancy; Moses, the subject of this sketch; Martin, born August 16, 1854; Almon, born January 19, 1861; and Carlton E., born August 4, 1869.

Moses Cass lives at the homestead with his step-mother, Mrs. Martha J. Aldrich Cass, and has charge of the estate. He possesses the untiring energy and industry for which the family are noted, and does not allow the property to deteriorate in value. Conscientious and upright, a man of progress, especially interested in educational matters, he has served as a member of the School Board for fourteen years, and was re-elected for three

years in 1897, has been Tax Collector eight years, has served upon the Democratic Town Committee, and has attended many conventions as a delegate. He is Past Chaplain of Richmond Grange, No. 147, and has been Worthy Herald and Prelate in the United Order of the Golden Cross.

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**J**OHN P. FLETCHER, a well-known agriculturist of Amherst, was born here, May 28, 1849, son of Robert and Mary (Cochran) Fletcher. The founder of the Fletcher family is supposed to have come from England. The grandfather of John P. Fletcher was an early settler of Amherst. Robert Fletcher was born in Phillipston, and received his education in the public schools. During the active years of his life he was engaged in farming and lumbering. A cooper by trade, he also followed that calling as the occasion offered. In politics he was a Republican. He died September 18, 1863. His wife's death occurred February 22, 1879. They had four children, of whom George died September 16, 1893. Those living are: Harriet, the wife of Solomon Prince, of Amherst; Lizzie M., the wife of George F. Stevens, of Ashburnham, Mass.; and John P., the subject of this sketch.

John P. Fletcher, the youngest child, received a fair common-school education. Remaining with his parents on the farm, he became familiar with the routine of farm life. His principal occupation has been farming. The home farm, of which he is the proprietor, contains one hundred and thirty acres. At one time for a number of years he manufactured and bottled cider. Lately he has confined his attention to general farming, in which he has been quite successful. He has the confidence and esteem of the business community.

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**P**UTHER W. READ, a prominent resident of Merrimac, was born in Mason, N.H., March 8, 1812, son of Asa and Polly (Wright) Read. Mr. Read's grandfather, William Read, com-

manded a company of soldiers in the Revolutionary War, composed of men enlisted from Hollis, Amherst, and the adjacent towns. Captain Read rendered gallant service throughout the great conflict, and had the satisfaction of being present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown. At the close of the war he came back to his home in Hollis covered with glory, and lived there for the rest of his life, dying at a good old age. He was twice married. His second wife, Hannah, had a number of children, of whom Samuel was in the Revolution with his father. Asa Read, father of Luther, was a farmer, who lived in Mason and died there at middle age, leaving a family of seven children. His wife, a woman of strong character, nobly filled her dual rôle of wife and mother. The children were: Lucinda, born November 8, 1800; J. Gilman, born March 6, 1802; Abigail, born May 8, 1803; Julia, born November 23, 1804; Asa, born March 16, 1807; and John L., born February 25, 1810. Luther is the only one now living.

Obliged to earn his living from an early age, Luther Read had little opportunity to acquire an education. When eleven years of age, he went to work on the farm of Dr. Eastman, of Hollis, to earn his board and clothes, being allowed a short time in the year to attend school. He remained with Dr. Eastman for about four years, working as a farmer lad, growing rugged and strong in the open air and gaining valuable knowledge of all kinds of farm work, which afterward served him in good stead. Leaving Hollis, he came to Merrimac and secured a position on a farm of one Luther Woods, agreeing to work for fifty dollars a year and a short allowance of time to attend school. Upon the death of his employer two years later, he took a note for eighty dollars in payment of the wages due to him; but he was later compelled to close the account on receiving forty cents on the dollar. At this rate he was not making much headway in the world, so he decided to learn the cooper's trade, which was then a well-paying business. Having done so he followed it with great success for many years. As business was dull during the summer months, he was

able to spend a great deal of time in catching wild pigeons; and in one season he and another man, named Jerry Woods, caught over one thousand and sixteen dozen, which they sold at from seventy-five to eighty cents a dozen. Mr. Read continued in this business for nearly twenty years. His largest single day's record was a catch of twenty-two and one-half dozen.

In 1839 Mr. Read made his first land investment in Merrimac. This property, which he has enlarged and improved, has been his place of residence since that time. At present the farm contains about one hundred and forty acres, and is in a high state of cultivation. As he gives personal supervision to everything, he is sure that nothing suffers for lack of attention, and knows at any moment his exact resources in any line of marketable goods.

On June 16, 1835, he was united in marriage with Miss Martha Kittredge, of Merrimac, daughter of Eli and Lucretia (Woods) Kittredge. After a married life lasting sixty-two years Mrs. Read died June 29, 1897. Three of their four children are living. They are: Adelaide, who lives in Fitchburg, Mass.; Clara, who is the wife of John L. Foster, and resides in Merrimac; and Luther Read, the only son, who lives at Thornton's Ferry. Mrs. Read, like her husband, was a member of the Congregational church. In politics Mr. Read is a Democrat.

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**G**EORGE SHELDON WILDER, general manager of the Merrill & Wilder Chisel Manufactory, Hinsdale, Cheshire County, N.H., was born in Shelburne, Mass., March 1, 1828. Son of Samuel and Sally (Merrill) Wilder, he comes from long lines of Colonial ancestry.

The early history of the Wilder family dates from the ascension of the House of Tudor to the throne of England. Its origin is supposed to be German; and the first progenitor of whom authentic information has been obtained was Nicholas Wilder, a military chieftain, who at the battle of Bosworth Field in 1485 rendered valuable aid to Henry, Earl of Richmond, and after his coronation as Henry VII. received from that monarch a large estate and a coat of

arms. This royal grant was made April 15, 1497.

Thomas Wilder, the fourth in line from Nicholas, died in 1634, at his estate in England, which was known as Shiplake. Mrs. Martha Wilder, who is supposed to have been the widow of Thomas, above named, came to New England with her daughter Mary in the ship "Confidence" in 1638. It is thought that she disposed of the estate Shiplake, in order to join her children — Thomas, second, Elizabeth, and Edward — who, the family being Non-conformists, had previously taken refuge in Massachusetts. The town of Hingham, Mass., made grants of land to Edward and Martha Wilder.

Thomas Wilder, second, of whom the subject of this sketch is a direct descendant, was born in 1618. He united with the church in 1640, and was married the same year. In 1651 he was made a freeman in Charlestown, Mass.; and in 1659 he acquired a tract of five hundred acres of land in Lancaster, Mass., where he settled. He was a leading spirit in the town, and held various positions of trust. He died in 1667. He was the father of several children; and his third son, Nathaniel, the next in line, was born in 1650.

Nathaniel Wilder was Captain of the militia company, and was killed while defending the town during an attack by Indians in 1704. He married Mary, daughter of Thomas and Mary Sawyer, in 1673, and had a family of four sons and three daughters. His son, Nathaniel Wilder, second, was born in Lancaster, Mass., in 1673. He resided until 1743 in that part of Lancaster which is now Sterling, and then moved to Petersham, Mass., where he passed the rest of his life. He possessed a strongly defined character, and was never known to fail in anything he undertook. He was married about the year 1706, and reared a family of twelve children.

His son, Aholiab, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Sterling, February 5, 1717, and when a young man he settled in Shutesbury, Mass. The Christian name of his wife was Catharine, but her family name is unknown. Aholiab and Catharine Wilder had five children. Samuel Wilder,

one of the five, grandfather of George S., was born May 20, 1752. In 1772 he married Rebecca Nims, by whom he had thirteen children.

Samuel Wilder, second, son of Samuel and Rebecca, and the father of George S., was born in Conway, Mass., July 25, 1797. He resided in his native town until his marriage, when he settled in Shelburne, Mass., residing there until 1837, when he removed to Greenfield, Mass. His wife, Sally Merrill, whom he married June 22, 1823, was born in Shelburne, Mass., October 20, 1796. She became the mother of three children, namely: Sarah Jane, born August 20, 1824; George S., the subject of this sketch; and Sereno Merrill, born February 14, 1832. Sereno Merrill married for his first wife Helen M. Thompson and for his second wife Harriet N. Taylor.

George Sheldon Wilder began his education in the district schools of Greenfield, and completed his studies at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass. In 1844 he entered the employ of his uncle, Pliny Merrill, a blacksmith by trade, who founded the present factory in Hinsdale. Young Wilder kept the books and also worked in the factory, thus obtaining a thorough knowledge of the manufacture of chisels and other tools. He made himself so useful to his uncle that in 1853 he was given an interest in the business as an inducement for him to remain. In 1866 failing health caused him to take a rest, and he spent a year in travelling through the Western States. Upon his return he associated himself with Francis M. Thompson, and purchased the factory of his uncle, who then retired from business. In 1868 Mr. Wilder bought Thompson's interest, and carried on the enterprise alone until 1870, when he admitted R. Henry Hopkins as a partner. Two years later he again succeeded to the entire control of the enterprise, and conducted it until 1883, at which time he sold out to some New York parties, who retained him as superintendent and general manager. This concern employ an average of twenty hands, and produce as a specialty the well-known Merrill & Wilder standard chisel, which has long enjoyed a high reputation in the trade.





Ansel Dickinson

Mr. Wilder cast his first vote for the Free Soil candidates, and has been a stanch Republican since the formation of the party. He has served as a member of the Board of Selectmen, and he represented Hinsdale in the legislature during the years 1860 and 1870. For twenty years he acted as secretary of the Hinsdale Savings Bank, which was organized in 1874, and he is at the present time a trustee. Mr. Wilder is an active member of the Congregational church, and has been treasurer for twelve years. He was one of the prime movers in founding the Hinsdale Public Library, and is now its secretary. He has served as a Justice of the Peace and Quorum, also as Notary Public for twenty-three years past.

Mr. Wilder married for his first wife Eliza Ann Clark, daughter of Joseph Clark, of Chesterfield, N.H.; and his present wife was before marriage Eunice A. Wellman, daughter of Alonzo Wellman, of Hinsdale. By his first union there are two children: George Fred; and Herbert M., who is employed on the staff of artists of Harper Brothers, New York City.

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**G**EORGE A. AVERY, of Milford, a well-known dealer in stoves and ranges, and a plumber and tinner, is a native of Temple, N.H. Born December 19, 1853, he is a son of Nathan Avery, late of Temple. The Avery family is an old one in Hillsboro. Nathan Avery, who was a farmer by occupation, died about ten years ago.

George A. Avery was brought up in his native town. When he was fourteen years of age, he went to Ayer Junction, Mass., and there learned the trade of tinsmith, steamfitter, and plumber. After working at his trade as a journeyman in Nashua, N.H., for ten years, he was in business on his own account at Manchester, N.H., for a short time. He has been in Milford since March, 1884, prosperously engaged in plumbing and tin-roofing, and dealing in stoves, ranges, tin, copper, water-piping, and household furniture. Making a specialty of tin-roofing, he employs

in that work from two to five men the year around. His business stand, which he built in 1890, is located on Nashua Street. Beneath his store is his workshop.

Mr. Avery has made a success in life, and is carrying on a very lucrative business. He has risen almost solely by his own efforts. Public-spirited, as men of his intelligence always are, he favors every project for the improvement of his town. He is married, and has one son, Charles G. In both the Masonic and Odd Fellows societies he is an esteemed member.

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**A**NSEL DICKINSON, who will be remembered in Manchester as a successful woodenware manufacturer, was born in Swanzey, N.H., February 22, 1822, son of William and Lucinda (Gardner) Dickinson. His great-grandfather, Nathaniel Dickinson, who emigrated from England early in the seventeenth century, settled upon a farm in Deerfield, Mass. Nathaniel served as a soldier in the Indian War, and was killed on April 15, 1747, while defending the town of Northfield. His two sons, Nathaniel and Joseph, left Deerfield after their father's death, and, penetrating northward through the wilderness, located upon a tract of four hundred acres situated in the southern part of Swanzey, N.H. Dividing the land equally, they resided there for the rest of their lives.

Nathaniel Dickinson (second), the grandfather of Ansel Dickinson, was twice married. By his union with Caroline Cummings, of Swanzey, there were seven children, one of whom, a daughter, died in infancy. The sons were: William, Asa, Abel, Uriah, Aaron, and Nathaniel. William Dickinson tilled the soil in Swanzey during his active years. He married Lucinda Gardner, who bore him eleven children, seven of whom lived to maturity; namely, Erastus, Caroline, Nathaniel, Arvilla, David S., Ansel, and Rollins.

Ansel Dickinson acquired a common-school education. At the age of seventeen he engaged in the lumber business with his brother Erastus in Winchester. That partnership

existed until the death of Erastus, after which Ansel conducted the business during the rest of his life. Mr. Dickinson owned a large amount of timber land, which served as a field for lumbering operations; and for some years he was profitably engaged in making large quantities of railroad ties. He was the original promoter and a stockholder of the Ashuelot Warp Company, a director of the Winchester National Bank, also the president of the Security Savings Bank, a stockholder in the West Swanzey Woollen Mills; and he founded the woodenware business in Winchester, which is still carried on in his name. In politics he was a Democrat; and, although the town of Winchester is strongly Republican, it sent him four times to the legislature, and chose him a member of the School Board for some years. In his religious belief he was a Methodist.

The first of Mr. Dickinson's two marriages was contracted in 1852 with Jane S. Boelyn, of Hinsdale, N.H., who lived but a short time after. The second was made with Mary Theresa Felch, who has had five sons; namely, La Fell, Milan A., John H., William Eugene, and Andrew F. La Fell Dickinson is now managing the manufacturing business in Winchester, assisted by his brother, John H. Milan A. has charge of the woollen-mills. Andrew F. died at the age of eighteen months. William Eugene is a student at Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College in Boston. The father died at his home in Winchester, July 31, 1889. He is remembered for the generosity, without ostentation, with which he used his large fortune in aiding religious and charitable societies.

The business now carried on by the Dickinson estate has greatly expanded since the death of its founder. When running on full time, it employs a force of two hundred men. The concern owns large tracts of wild land, which supplies its factories with lumber sawed by portable mills; and their estimated cut during the past year was in the neighborhood of five million feet. They manufacture packing boxes, tubs, buckets, and several kinds of pails, which are considered standard goods throughout the United States, and command

a ready sale. They operate three factories, equipped with improved machinery and lighted by electric plants, and pay taxes on property in ten different towns. They carry on three mills devoted to the woodenware industry, two in Winchester and one in Ashuelot, where the main office of the concern is located; and they own excellent water privileges. After the death of Mr. Dickinson the Ashuelot Warp Manufactory was disposed of; but all the stock in the West Swanzey Woollen Manufactory was purchased, and that enterprise has been managed for the estate by Milan A. Dickinson since 1892.

The Dickinson brothers are all capable and alert young business men, inheriting from their father those sterling qualities which constituted the principal elements of his successful career; and it is safe to predict that the enterprises conducted under the style of Ansel Dickinson & Sons will long continue to hold a prominent place among the profitable industries of Winchester and Swanzey. In politics the Dickinson brothers are earnest supporters of the Democratic party.

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 CHARLES H. RAYMOND, the chairman of the Board of Selectmen in Mont Vernon, was born here on the old Raymond homestead, his present residence, February 21, 1846, son of Andrew W. and Abby (Stevens) Raymond. George Raymond, the father of Andrew W., born in Hamilton, Mass., came to this place when ten years old, his parents settling on the farm which has since been known as the Raymond homestead. George became a prominent citizen, and served this town as Selectman, also as Representative to the State legislature. Andrew W. Raymond succeeded his father as owner of the homestead. He, too, became an influential citizen. He served as Selectman, and was for two terms a member of the lower house of the New Hampshire legislature. In politics he was a Democrat. He died July 5, 1895. He had survived his wife, who died on February 23, 1883. Of his six children Mary F., Charles H., George A., Abbie E., and John W. are living.

Charles H. Raymond was educated in the district school and at Appleton Academy. With the exception of a short time, when a young man, spent at shoemaking in Stoneham, Mass., he has always resided in Mont Vernon. He is engaged in farming on the homestead, of which he is the owner. On October 8, 1868, he was united in marriage with Miss Matilda B. Pillsbury, of Springfield, N.H. Four children have been born of their union; namely, Dana C., Wallace A., Ora M., and Milan H. All are living, and belong to the fifth generation of Raymonds who have occupied the homestead.

Mr. Raymond is an Independent in politics. He has served his town as Collector. He has been Selectman for several terms, and is the present chairman of the Board. For several years he has been a trustee of the McCollom Institute. Both he and Andrew W., his father, were charter members of Prospect Grange, of which the father was the first Master and the son the first treasurer. The son has also served as Master. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond are liberal in their religious views.

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**W**ILLIAM L. CLEAVES, born in Mont Vernon, April 11, 1821, was a lifelong resident of this place. His father, Joshua Cleaves, who, it is believed, was also a native of Mont Vernon, descended from one of the early settlers of that part of Hillsboro County. Joshua married Elizabeth Lincoln, who was born and reared in Leominster, Mass. William L. was educated in his native town, first attending the public schools and later Appleton's Academy. He was subsequently engaged for the rest of his life in farming and lumbering, in which he had acquired a large business. On December 8, 1859, he married Miss Harriet L. Crosby, who was born in Milford, this county, March 3, 1832, daughter of the late Rufus Crosby. Mrs. Cleaves was a school teacher before her marriage. She was educated in her native town and at New Ipswich and Francestown Academies.

Rufus Crosby was born and reared in Billerica, Mass., son of Ephraim Crosby. When

eighteen years of age, he came with his parents from Billerica to Hillsboro County, settling in Milford, his father buying the farm now owned by Captain E. P. Hutchinson. He subsequently engaged in agricultural pursuits, and after his marriage with Miss Ann Blanchard, who was born in Lyndeboro, N.H., he settled on the farm now occupied by his daughter, Mrs. Cleaves. He was a skilful farmer, a valued citizen, and a kind neighbor and friend, and as such was highly esteemed throughout the community. In politics he was a consistent Democrat, and in religion he was a faithful member of the Congregational church. Of the children born to him and his wife the following survive: Mary A., the wife of W. W. Howard, of Milford; Rufus P., of Woburn, Mass.; Mrs. Cleaves; and George. The father had reached an advanced age when he died, October 21, 1878. His wife outlived him a short time, passing away March 19, 1879.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleaves had one child—William Crosby Cleaves, born January 12, 1861, who resides with his widowed mother. The father died at his home in Mont Vernon, September 26, 1860. On November 2, 1860, a few weeks after the death of her husband, Mrs. Cleaves returned to her old home in Milford, where she has since resided. She is an active member of the Congregational church; and she and her son, William Crosby Cleaves, are identified with the Granite Grange.

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**W**ILLIAM A. WHEELER, a prosperous farmer and a highly esteemed resident of Hancock, was born in Ashby, Mass., February 20, 1848, son of John A. and Elmira (Pritchard) Wheeler. John Wheeler, his grandfather, cultivated a farm in Ashby, and previous to the advent of railroads he carted his produce to the Boston market. Though a busy man all his life, John reached a good old age. He was the father of ten children, of whom Calvin, William, Alfred, Newton, Cyrus, and Frank are living.

John A. Wheeler, William A. Wheeler's father, was born in Ashby. He continued to

reside in his native town until after his marriage, when he moved to Dublin, N.H., where he followed agriculture for the rest of his life. He died at the age of forty years. His wife, Elmira, who was a native of New Ipswich, N.H., became the mother of eight children, of whom six are living; namely, Mary, William A., Nancy, Nellie, Abbie, and George. Mrs. John A. Wheeler died at the age of thirty-nine years. She was a member of the Universalist church.

William A. Wheeler acquired his education in the common schools of Dublin, and for several years after reaching his majority he was engaged in agricultural pursuits in that town. In 1884 he came to Hancock, and purchased a farm of one hundred and five acres. To this property he has since added eighty-five acres. He carries on general farming, and raises large and superior crops.

On May 13, 1879, Mr. Wheeler married for his first wife Mary Emerson, of Lowell, Mass. She died at the age of thirty-three years, leaving one daughter, Nellie L. She was a member of the Unitarian church. Mr. Wheeler's present wife, whom he wedded December 13, 1892, was formerly Lavinia Johnson, of Truro, N.S. The children of this marriage are: James P., born September 18, 1893; and Augustus Herbert, born June 19, 1897. In politics Mr. Wheeler is a Republican. He is actively interested in the local grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, and both he and Mrs. Wheeler are members of the Presbyterian church.

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**A**SA A. WHITMAN, superintendent of the Cheshire County Farm at Westmoreland, N.H., was born in Londonderry, Vt., February 21, 1853, son of Ara and Alvira (Wheeler) Whitman. His father is a native of Windham, Vt. By occupation a farmer, he has been for many years one of the most respected and honored citizens of Londonderry in that State, where he is now (1897) living, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. A man of exemplary habits, he is still active, well preserved, and possessed of all his faculties to a remarkable

degree. Well informed and capable, one who has ever manifested a deep interest in the welfare of his town, he has at different times ably filled all the more important local offices, among them that of Selectman, and has represented his town in General Court three different terms. He was prominent in the militia in the days when military duty was required by the law of the State, and has held every office up to that of Major. Never a pompous man, but always of modest bearing, faithful to every trust, his neighbors all have the utmost confidence in his integrity and judgment, and in times past have frequently asked him for advice. He has been twice married, and by his second wife has had eight children, six of whom are now living.

Asa A. Whitman attended the district and graded schools of Londonderry, and assisted his father on the farm until he had reached his majority. Not caring for a farmer's life, he went to Brattleboro, Vt., and secured a position in the asylum known as the "Retreat." There he remained for some years, thoroughly acquainting himself with the work, which he found congenial, and making rapid progress, finally accepting the superintendency of the kitchen department, and creditably filling the position until 1883. In that year he was made superintendent of the Cheshire County Farm, which he managed for a period of five years to the general satisfaction of the County Commissioners and the inmates. He resigned to make a trip West, where he had some outside interests, and was reappointed superintendent of the farm in 1893. He spares no pains to make the institution comfortable for the inmates, and has always looked carefully to the interests of the county. He has taken a decided interest in produce-raising at the farm, the gardens furnishing supplies for the table; and he has also kept a large poultry yard, exhibiting the results of his industry at the county fairs, where his poultry has taken first and second prizes. In the fair of 1896 his produce was a feature, and he has established an enviable reputation as a gardener.

No superintendent has given more perfect satisfaction than has Mr. Whitman. He believes that discipline is necessary to a suc-

cessful management of the place, but understands the needs of the inmates, and encourages the healthy ones to work. We quote from the report of the Rev. C. A. Tenney, the farm chaplain, in saying that "from first to the last the superintendent and matron and their assistants have shown a most kindly and friendly interest in the spiritual welfare of the people. The cordial relations that have existed between them and the Christian workers, added to the interest that people have evinced, have made the work a labor of love. The efficiency and thoroughness of the management in providing for the physical and spiritual comfort of the people accounts for the general feeling of content that pervades the institution."

Mr. Whitman married Stella A. Goodell, daughter of Wesson S. Goodell, of Marlboro, Vt. They have one child, a daughter named Beatrice S. Mr. Whitman is a member of the Grange of Brattleboro and of the Odd Fellows, and has been a member of Fuller's Light Battery. At the time of his appointment to the superintendency he had been made Corporal in the Battery, but upon his removal from Brattleboro he was unable to continue his connection with the organization.

MOSES CLARK, one of the best known residents of Wilton and the oldest Deputy Sheriff in point of service in Hillsboro County, was born in Aeworth, N.H., October 17, 1820, son of Samuel and Abigail (Howe) Clark. He is a lineal descendant of Deacon James Clark, of Dedham, Mass., and a cousin of Major Eustace S. Clark, who served in the Sixth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, under General B. F. Butler, and was wounded in one of the battles of the Civil War. The grandfather, John Clark, was born in Londonderry, N.H., and the greater part of his life was spent upon a farm in Aeworth. He married Sarah Gray, and his children were: Robert, Polly, Samuel, Martha, John, George, Bradley, Sally, James, Sophia, and Thomas. Of these the only survivor is Sophia, who is the widow of Sincere Hutchings, late of

Charlestown, Mass., and has two children — James and Georgia. John Clark died when about fifty years old, and his wife at the age of eighty-four.

Samuel Clark, born in Aeworth, April 26, 1795, was reared to agricultural pursuits, and spent the most of his life in his native town. He died in Unity, N.H., October 19, 1870, aged seventy-five years, and was buried in Wilton. Politically, he was a Democrat. His wife, Abigail, who was born in Aeworth, May 9, 1797, daughter of Asa Howe, became the mother of ten children, of whom Moses and Elizabeth are living. Elizabeth married for her first husband Frank N. Case, and for her second Mason Guillow. Her daughter, Emma, by her first husband, was successively married to Leroy Gates and Irving Moses, and had one daughter, Stella Gates. Mrs. Samuel Clark died December 8, 1862, aged sixty-seven years.

After receiving his elementary education in the district schools of his native town, Moses Clark was a student of the Military and Scientific School in Unity, under the Rev. A. A. Miner, and of the academy in Marlow, N.H. Then for several winter terms he taught school in Marlow, Aeworth, and Unity, devoting his summers to farm work. After forsaking the teacher's profession, he had been for over two years the proprietor of what was known as the Depot Store, when failing health compelled him to take a rest. After his recovery, as a member of the firm Jones & Clark he manufactured boots and shoes for about three years. Upon withdrawing from that he became a salesman for the Aeworth Boot and Shoe Company, with which he was afterward connected for fifteen years, making his headquarters in Wilton. In 1861 he was appointed Deputy Sheriff, and with the exception of two years has served in that capacity ever since, having been commissioned longer than any other deputy in this county. For eighteen years he was the treasurer and a director of the Wilton Savings Bank. In politics he acts with the Republican party. He has served as Tax Collector for several years. When it was decided to publish a history of Wilton, he was made chairman of the commit-

tee having the matter in charge. He was also chairman of the committee appointed to provide for the celebrations of Wilton's one hundred and fiftieth anniversary. He is still vigorous and active, and attends to his official duties with the spirit and alacrity of a much younger man.

On May 7, 1846, Mr. Clark contracted his first marriage with Julia L. Gay, of Acworth, who was born in Washington, N.H., February 18, 1821, daughter of Abner Gay, of that town. She became the mother of three children, born as follows: Josephine L., February 7, 1847; Frank G., September 10, 1850; and Ada M., May 8, 1862. Josephine L. is now the widow of Dr. Willard D. Chase, late of Peterboro, N.H. Her only daughter, Blanche M., married Herbert S. Pearie, of New York City, and has one son, Willard C. Frank G. Clarke, who is a successful lawyer of Peterboro, N.H., and a member of Congress, married Fanny Brooks, and has one daughter, Mabel. Ada M. is the wife of R. M. Nickerson, of Boston. The mother died February 3, 1891. She was a member of the Congregational church. On February 11, 1892, Mr. Clark married for his second wife Mrs. Hannah L. Martin Cram. She was born in Wilton, July 10, 1844, daughter of Robert and Caroline F. (McQuesten) Martin. Mr. Clark is a member of Clinton Lodge, F. & A. M., and was its secretary for some years. Both he and Mrs. Clark are connected with Advance Grange, No. 20, Patrons of Husbandry of Wilton, and Mrs. Clark is also a member.



**A**RTHUR A. PRATTE, M.D., throat, ear, and eye specialist, and successor at Hinsdale, N.H., to the general medical practice of Dr. Beland, was born in Louiseville, Canada, Maskinonge County, April 27, 1871, son of Louis and Philomene (Voisard) Pratte. The earliest ancestor of the family in Canada went there from the city of Port, France, between 1750 and 1760, being a Captain in the army sent by the French government to fight against the English. His three sons — Ernest, Louis,

and Ferdinand — followed him, and also took up arms at Quebec. One was killed outside the citadel in the engagement on the Plains of Abraham, which proved fatal to both commanders, General Wolfe and General Montcalm. The Pratte family became prominent in Louiseville. Louis Pratte, the Doctor's father, was not the immigrant of that name, but a later descendant of Captain Pratte. His wife, the Doctor's mother, was a daughter of François Voisard, who emigrated from Switzerland to Canada, and was appointed Sergeant in the English army in the War of 1812. Mr. Voisard was a prominent man in Maskinonge County, was Mayor of the county one year, was Selectman, and held all the important offices in the gift of the town. He owned a tannery which yielded a handsome income. During the early part of his life he belonged to the Liberal party, but afterward became a Conservative.

Louis Pratte carried on a large market in his native town, and became one of the prosperous citizens of Louiseville. He had twelve children, three of them sons. Five of the daughters are now dead. The eldest son succeeded his father in business. The second son, Dr. Louis Irene Pratte, a graduate of the Trois Rivières College and of Laval University Medical College, is in Norwich, Conn., where he has been settled for seventeen years, and has built up a large and lucrative practice.

Arthur A. Pratte completed his preparatory course at the high school in his native town, and, entering the Trois Rivières College, was graduated, after a four years' course, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He at once entered the Laval University Medical College for the four years' course in medicine, and at the age of twenty-three received "with great distinction" his degree of Doctor of Medicine, attesting the thorough course he had taken and his high standing in the classes. During these years of study he was in constant attendance at the Victoria Hospital, one of the best in Canada, and also at the Hôtel Dieu Notre Dame Hospital, which is almost as old as the city of Montreal. He began the practice of his profession at Marl-

boro, N.H., where he remained one year, removing then to Hinsdale, to succeed to the practice of Dr. Beland, who left the town at that time to remove to Canada. Dr. Pratte came here in December, 1895, not only fully equipped for general practice, but also thoroughly conversant with diseases of the throat, the ear, and the eye, and is already well established. Dr. Pratte is unmarried. He is connected with the Society of Foresters of America and with the St. John Baptiste.

**H**ON. ORREN C. MOORE, late of Nashua, N.H., founder of the *Daily Telegraph* and a member of the Fifty-first Congress, was born in New Hampton, N.H., August 10, 1839, son of Jonathan H. and Hannah Van (Sleeper) Moore. On the paternal side he was of Scotch-Irish stock, being a lineal descendant of John Moor, who with his wife Janet came over in 1721, and, settling at Londonderry, N.H., bought a farm in the English Range. Their children were: Deacon William, of Bedford, N.H.; Elizabeth, who married Nathaniel Holmes; Colonel Robert, of Londonderry; and Colonel Daniel, of Bedford, N.H.

Jonathan Holmes Moore, father of Orren C., was a son of Captain Robert Moore, of Bristol, N.H., grandson of Colonel Robert Moore, of Londonderry, and great-grandson of "John of the English Range," so called to distinguish him from another settler in the town of the same name. Colonel Robert Moore, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in 1726, and died in 1778. His gravestone and that of his father and mother may be seen in the old burial-ground at Derry, N.H. The records show (see "New Hampshire Provincial Papers," vol. vii. p. 608) that the Provincial Congress of New Hampshire on September 1, 1775, voted Samuel Hobart, Esq., to be First Colonel of the Second Regiment of Minutemen, Robert Moore to be Lieutenant Colonel. One line of Orren C. Moore's ancestors on the paternal side traces directly back to the Rev. Benjamin Rolfe, an early settled minister of Haverhill, Mass., who, with his wife

and youngest child, was killed by the Indians in 1708.

Orren Cheney Moore was one of a family of eleven children, and was early obliged to become self-supporting. When only eleven years old he moved with his parents to Manchester, where, his father having met financial reverses, he went to work in the cotton mills as a mule-boy, the working day then being fourteen hours long. The circumstances of the family improving, he left the mills after a brief period of toil, and entered the North Grammar School on Spring Street, where he studied diligently for three years under the famous teacher Moses T. Brown and one year under William H. Ward. After that young Moore spent a year in Holderness, now Ashland, where he worked in a paper-mill, managing to attend the village high school, which was then under the principalship of the Rev. D. C. Frost, for a few hours in every day. Here he met as a schoolmate Miss Nancy W. Thompson, who subsequently became his wife. When sixteen years old, Mr. Moore went to La Crosse, Wis., to work at the printer's trade for his brother, Frederick A. Moore, who was publishing the *La Crosse Democrat*. He remained there for nearly three years, and he subsequently worked as a printer in Madison, Wis., and at Jefferson City, Mo.

Returning to Manchester, he was foreman in the office of the *Daily American* until the paper was merged into the *Mirror*. During this time he was in the Common Council of the city of Manchester, and was in the State legislature during two sessions. Leaving Manchester Mr. Moore went to Boston, and, after being there for a short time, he received a call to the editorship of the *Nashua Weekly Telegraph*. This paper had been founded in 1832 by Alfred Beard, and was first issued from a building that stood where the Watana nock House now stands. Albin Beard, twin brother of Alfred, bought an interest in the paper, and from 1839, when the founder died, till his own death, in 1862, was sole proprietor. Mr. Moore became editor in April, 1864, and continued to conduct the paper until the establishment changed hands, being purchased in March, 1865, by White & Berry,

Dearborn & Berry shortly becoming the owners and Mr. Dearborn the editor.

Mr. Moore about this time, being made Register of Probate for Hillsboro County, took up his residence in Amherst, where the county records were then kept; and when the office was moved to Nashua he again made his home in this city. In November, 1867, Mr. Moore bought out Mr. Dearborn, and was reinstated as editor-in-chief of the *Weekly Telegraph*, the publishing firm being Moore & Berry till February, 1869, when Clark M. Langley bought Mr. Berry's interest. The first number of the *Daily Telegraph* was issued on March 1 of that year. By purchase of Mr. Langley's share in 1878 Mr. Moore became sole proprietor of the paper. In January, 1887, the business was incorporated as the Telegraph Publishing Company, with Mr. Moore as manager and treasurer. After a few more years of useful activity as journalist, representative in the Legislature, and member of Congress, followed by a lingering illness of two years, he died at his home in Nashua, on May 12, 1893.

In answer to the question, What did he do worthy of remembrance? we quote the following from an appreciative notice of his career elsewhere published: "Mr. Moore wielded no uncertain pen. His voice and the *Telegraph* sounded no false notes. More than this, his course was never determined by any sordid considerations. As a proof of this it is only necessary to state that during the quarter of a century and more that Mr. Moore controlled the utterances of the paper no advertisement of intoxicating liquor or offensively worded nostrum appeared in its columns. The policy of the *Telegraph* in all these years has been thoroughly loyal to the principles of patriotism, justice, temperance, morality, and religion. It has supported every measure calculated to advance the best interests of the city and State.

"Besides his editorial work Mr. Moore found time to give much attention to the consideration of public questions. In addition to services rendered the people of Nashua as a member of the Board of Education during the transition from the old to the new methods

that have made our schools equal to the best in the State, Mr. Moore represented Nashua in the legislature in four sessions—Ward Four in 1873, 1874, and 1875; Ward Eight in 1887—and was elected State Senator in 1878 for two years by a majority of one hundred and sixty-two over the Governor vote, and that, too, in a year when the most sanguine member of his party was expecting defeat. Mr. Moore served as chairman of the Republican State Central Committee in what is known as the Greeley campaign.

"In 1877 Mr. Moore was appointed upon the Tax Commission of the State, and wrote the commissioners' report which was made to the legislature. Many of the suggestions of the report have been engrafted upon the legislation of the State, among these the act relating to the sworn inventory to property and the act establishing a State Board of Equalization.

"In 1884 Governor Hale tendered Mr. Moore the chairmanship of the new Railroad Commission. He accepted the appointment, and for three years gave faithful and indefatigable service in carrying forward the work of the Commission. He was the author of the report to the legislature, which included the most careful railroad history which had been made down to that time.

"From 1872 till near the close of his life Mr. Moore took part in every political campaign in the State. His popularity as a speaker placed him in the front among our New Hampshire orators, and he addressed more public meetings in the State than any other man during this period. His speeches were always carefully prepared, never repeated from one campaign to another, and always delivered without notes. Among the general subjects treated were 'The Constitution of New Hampshire,' 'Problems,' 'Fraternal Societies,' 'New England's Bard,' 'The Railroad Question,' 'The Borderland,' 'The Currency Question,' 'The National Bank System.' He also delivered a large number of temperance addresses and Memorial Day orations, the latter always being upon some special theme in which he sought to impress the lesson of loyalty to the flag, and

still carry with the lesson something of educational force.

"In 1880 Mr. Moore proposed to Chairman Jewell of the Republican National Committee to go into any Southern district for two weeks and canvass the Republican cause. The offer was gladly accepted, and West Virginia was selected. Mr. Moore opened his campaign at Harper's Ferry, and concluded it in Buchanan County in the interior of the State, where no Northern speaker had appeared up to that time. He was everywhere kindly and attentively received, and was welcomed with delight by the loyal, noble Union men and women of that patriotic State.

"Besides this service to the cause of his party, in the general policy of which he was always in the fullest accord, being of the 'advance guard' in civil service reform, ballot reform, and other vital issues, Mr. Moore travelled thousands of miles and made numberless campaign speeches in Maine, Massachusetts, and Vermont, in addition to his service in New Hampshire. He also wrote two or three of the Republican platforms of the State, served on committees having in charge other platforms, and made one or two opening addresses when presiding at State conventions. In a word, he was one of the hard workers for the best good of the public, as he understood the needs and issues of the hour, for more than a quarter of a century.

"In 1888 Mr. Moore was elected to represent the Second New Hampshire District in the Fifty-first Congress. He served on the Pacific Railroad Committee, the District of Columbia Committee, and on the Committee on the Enrollment of Bills. His public speeches included 'The Revision of the Rules,' 'Tariff Revision,' 'The Anti-lottery Bill,' 'The Competitive Principle in the Civil Service,' and 'The Record of the Fifty-first Congress.'

"Of Mr. Moore's loyalty to all the interests of Nashua, of his citizenship, of his readiness to assist every cause that appealed to his sense of fairness and equity as between man and man, of his zealous advocacy of the rights of labor, and his prompt response when called upon to champion the cause of the oppressed

of other lands, the people of Nashua are as well qualified to sit in judgment as the writer. We are quite sure that their verdict is: 'He has been a faithful servant of the people.'

On the death of Mr. Moore, May 12, 1893, as mentioned above, his wife, Mrs. Nancy W. Moore, succeeded him as manager of the Telegraph Publishing Company, with her daughter, Miss Gertrude C. Moore, as treasurer.

**J**OHN B. BALDWIN, a prosperous farmer of Wilton, was born in this town, January 7, 1839, son of Loami and Charlotte (Bradford) Baldwin. He is of English origin. His great-grandfather, John Baldwin, married Isabel Beard, who reared five children, of whom Timothy, the grandfather of John B. Baldwin, was the youngest. Timothy Baldwin settled upon a farm in Wilton in 1788, and tilled the soil until his death, which occurred in 1823. He married Prudence Chapman, and of his eight children Loami was the last-born.

Loami Baldwin, John B. Baldwin's father, was born in Wilton, and grew to manhood upon the home farm. He followed agriculture with energy during his active years, and through his industry and good judgment he attained prosperity. In politics he was a Democrat. He died March 6, 1860. His wife, Charlotte, who was a daughter of Thomas Bradford, of Lyndeboro, N.H., became the mother of four children, two of whom are living. These are: John B., the subject of this sketch; and Hannah J., who married F. A. Richardson, of Lyndeboro, and has one son, Pearley. Mrs. Loami Baldwin died May 27, 1882.

John B. Baldwin was reared and educated in his native town. When a young man he worked at the butchering business for two years in East Wilton. He has since given his attention to general farming, and owns about fifty acres of fertile land, which is capable of producing large and superior crops.

Mr. Baldwin has been successively married to Olivia J. Curtis, Louise E. Perham, and Martha J. Torrey. Martha J. Torrey Bald-

win, his present wife, is a native of Maine. By his second union he has three children, namely: Lewis H., who married Lena Holt, of Wilton; Florence L.; and Charles A. Mr. Baldwin has served upon the School Board and as Highway Surveyor, therein rendering valuable service to the town. In politics he takes a course independent of party.

CHARLES O. WOODS, who carries on a blacksmith shop in Antrim, and is also engaged in farming, was born in Windsor, N.H., April 7, 1863, son of Charles A. and Adeline R. (Barker) Woods. His grandfather, Asa Woods, who was born in Hollis, N.H., resided in Nashua for some time, and then settled upon a farm in his native town. Asa married Polly Laton, and had a family of five children, four of whom are living; namely, Mary, Asa, Charles A., and Frank L. Mary is now the widow of James Otis, and has one son, Albert. Asa, Jr., married Ellen Searles, who died leaving three children. Both his parents lived to a good old age.

Charles A. Woods was born in Nashua, November 19, 1831. In his younger days he worked in the mills, and was employed in the construction of the Vermont Central Railroad. After his marriage he settled upon a farm in Bennington, N.H., where he resided for a time. Subsequently he worked in a tannery of Hillsboro for eight years. Later he was engaged in farming in Antrim and Hillsboro. Since 1886 he has resided in Antrim. His wife was born in Antrim, daughter of Moody M. Barker. Her grandfather, Captain Peter Barker, was one of the early settlers of this town, locating here in 1789, and subsequently clearing a farm from the wilderness. She reared two children—Addie E. and Charles O. Addie E., now the widow of Frank B. Woodbury, late of Antrim, has two children—Mark and Valentine. Mrs. Charles A. Woods died September 23, 1891.

Charles O. Woods attended school in Hillsboro. When a young man he learned the blacksmith's trade in Antrim. Later he purchased the shop of his employer, and there

since he has carried on a general horseshoeing and jobbing business. He also superintends a farm for Mr. W. K. Flint, of Milwaukee, Wis. On March 28, 1893, he married Grace E. Downes, daughter of Harlan P. Downes, of Francestown. Politically, Mr. Woods is a Republican. For the past three years he has acted as Police and Truant Officer, and in 1896 he was elected a member of the Board of Selectmen. Mrs. Woods is a member of the Congregational church.

AARON SMITH, an extensive dairy farmer of Harrisville, who was for several years a member of the New Hampshire legislature, is a native of this town, born April 17, 1822, son of Aaron and Ruth (Atwood) Smith, and is a descendant of Revolutionary patriots. His great-grandfathers on both sides served in the struggles for independence. His paternal great-grandfather, Aaron Smith, who resided in Needham, Mass., commanded a company at the battle of Lexington. Abner Smith, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was also a Revolutionary soldier. After the war he settled in that part of Dublin which is now included within the limits of the town of Harrisville, where he engaged in farming. The first of his two marriages was made with Hannah Prentice, who bore him eight children; namely, Aaron, Prentice, Beulah, Elisha, Ira, Abigail, Hannah, and Luther.

Aaron Smith, Sr., was born on the family homestead, November 5, 1791. He learned the trade of a potter, and subsequently was engaged in the manufacture of all kinds of earthenware until his death, which occurred on November 20, 1840. He was a member of the Unitarian church. His wife, Ruth, who was born in Nelson, N.H., August 15, 1787, daughter of Philip Atwood, became the mother of six children, of whom the third died in infancy. The others were: Aaron, George, Calvin, Jonathan, and Abner. George died at the age of twenty-four. Calvin, who is a box manufacturer in Westboro, Mass., wedded Mary, daughter of Samuel Parker, of Nelson, N.H., and has two children. Jonathan and

Abner died young. The mother died March 24, 1852.

Aaron Smith was reared and educated in Harrisville, then a part of Dublin. He subsequently learned the potter's trade with his father, and followed it afterward until the almost universal use of tinware made the manufacture of earthen vessels unprofitable. Since relinquishing his trade, he has given his attention to dairy farming at the family homestead. The farm is a large and valuable estate, with ample pasturage for sheep, the raising of which he formerly carried on quite extensively.

Mr. Smith married Mrs. Susan M. Bromley, who, born in Nelson, March 9, 1828, daughter of Colonel Rufus Atwood, of Nelson, died January 15, 1887. Mr. Smith's public services cover a long period. He was Selectman for twenty-one years; a Representative to the legislature from 1859 to 1870, excluding the years 1861, 1862, and 1863; and County Commissioner from 1870 to 1875. He also served for a time in the capacities of Overseer of the Poor and member of the School Board, and he acted as recruiting agent during the Civil War. One of the organizers of the local grange, Patrons of Husbandry, he was the first Master, and he still takes an active interest in its affairs.

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**J**OSEPH G. CARLTON, a successful agriculturist and a respected resident of Mont Vernon, was born here, May 20, 1863, son of John A. and Amanda (Wilson) Carlton. John Carlton, the father of John A., was an old-time resident and Selectman of Mont Vernon. John A., who was born in the town, has always lived here. Amanda, his wife, was a native of Vermont. She died April 28, 1896, leaving four sons and two daughters, namely: John W., of Manchester; Joseph G., the subject of this biography; William S., also of Manchester; Charles G., a resident of Nashua; Lilla, the wife of William Easton, of East Wilton, N.H.; and Fannie L., the wife of George F. Averill, of Milford, N.H.

Having completed his education, which was acquired in the public schools of Mont Vernon,

Joseph G. Carlton took up farming, the occupation to which he had been reared. Besides carrying on general farming, he has a small fruit business and does some lumbering. The home farm contains about one hundred acres. In 1891 he was joined in marriage with Miss Minnie Spalding, daughter of Otis Spalding, of Mont Vernon. Three sons have been born to them; namely, George O., Elmer E., and Alwin C.

Mr. Carlton is a Republican in politics. His townsmen have shown their appreciation of his ability and character by electing him to important town offices. He was Selectman for two years; a member of the School Board for an equal length of time; and he is now serving his second year as Road Agent, and holds the position of Supervisor of the Check List. He is a member of Prospect Grange, P. of H.

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**A**RTHUR A. TROW, an enterprising business man of Mont Vernon, was born in this town, August 9, 1829, son of Jesse and Nancy (Cochran) Trow. Joseph Trow, the father of Jesse and a native of Massachusetts, was one of the famous minute-men of the Revolution. Joseph came here some time after the close of the war. Jesse Trow was born in this town, and lived here until his death, which occurred in 1867. He spent his active years in farming and lumbering. His wife, Nancy, had nine children, of whom three sons survive, namely: George W., a resident of Hudson, N.H.; Arthur A., the subject of this sketch; and Daniel W., of Amherst, N.H. At first a Whig, the father joined the Republican party after its formation.

After attending the district school in Mont Vernon, Arthur A. Trow studied for a time at Appleton Academy. Since then he has been engaged in farming. He now owns the old Trow homestead, a farm of about two hundred acres. He also operates the saw-mill on the estate, called Trow's Mill. In years past he followed lumbering quite extensively.

Mr. Trow was married January 23, 1872, to Miss Lucretia Rideout, who was born in Nashua, N.H., daughter of Gardner and

Lucretia (Wilson) Rideout. Her father was a native of Hillsboro County, and her mother was born in Maine. She completed her education at Francestown Academy, after which she taught school for four terms. Mr. and Mrs. Trow have four children; namely, Charles A., Lewis A., Jessie A., and Edward W. Charles A. graduated from McCollom Institute, Mont Vernon, and from New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts at Durham, completing his course at the latter institution in June, 1895. He then took a post-graduate course in the same college in mining engineering, and he is now employed in Colorado as a mining engineer. Lewis A., also a graduate of McCollom Institute, married Nellie Goodrich, of North Lyndeboro, and has one child, Harold O. Jessie A. is the wife of William Fox, of Mont Vernon; and Edward W. is a graduate of the International Business College at Manchester, N.H. In politics Mr. Trow is a Republican. Mrs. Trow is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Milford.

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**J**OHN M. FOX, the Town Clerk and an enterprising merchant of Mont Vernon, was born in New Boston, this county, March 5, 1836, son of Ephraim and Sarah (Parker) Fox. The father, who was born in Dracut, Mass., came when a young man to Milford, N.H., where he learned the trade of a currier and tanner. He resided for a number of years successively in Milford and Hillsboro, N.H., and then finally settled in New Boston, where he died. His wife, Sarah, was a native of Carlisle, Mass.

During the first fifteen years of his life John M. Fox lived with his parents at New Boston. Thereafter he was almost wholly cast upon his own resources. Having received a fair education, he went to Petersham, Mass., and there was a clerk in a general store for three years. Then he returned to New Boston, learned the tailor's trade, and worked at it until the Civil War broke out. On May 9, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, Second New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, for three months. Upon the expiration of that term he re-enlisted, and was mustered in,

June 9, 1861, in the same company and regiment, and subsequently served with the Army of the Potomac, under the command of Generals McClellan and Grant, participating in the first and second Bull Run, the seven days' fight in front of Richmond, the fights at Williamsburg, Yorktown, and others up to Gettysburg. During the latter battle he was detached as clerk for Surgeon-general Merrow, the surgeon of the brigade, and afterward continued in the hospital department until his final discharge on June 21, 1864. Returning then to New Hampshire, he settled in Mont Vernon, and for a quarter-century after was successfully engaged in farming. Under the first administration of President Cleveland he was appointed Postmaster of Mont Vernon. In 1887 he purchased the store he now owns, and started the general merchandise business, which he has since carried on with profit.

Mr. Fox was married June 3, 1858, to Miss Esther D. Fairfield, of New Boston. They have two children—Eunice A. and William H. The latter married Jessie Trow. In 1891 Mr. Fox was elected to represent his town in the lower house of the State legislature. He has served as Town Clerk for more than a score of years, and is also a Justice of the Peace and Notary Public. He is a charter member of Prospect Grange, with which he is still identified.

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**L**EO NARD B. DOW, of Milford, a prosperous manufacturer of lumber, cider, and pure cider vinegar, was born September 29, 1830, at Pepperell, Mass., son of Daniel Dow, Jr. He comes of patriotic ancestry. His great-grandfather, Captain Reuben Dow, was an officer in a company of Hollis militia, under Colonel Prescott, and fought at Bunker Hill. Likewise Captain Dow's son Daniel, the paternal grandfather of Leonard B. Dow, served throughout the entire War of Independence. Daniel resided for many years in Hollis, Hillsboro County.

Daniel Dow, Jr., was born in Hollis, where he subsequently acquired a knowledge of agri-





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culture. Afterward he followed farming in Pepperell, Mass., living there from early manhood until his death at the age of seventy-six years. After settling in Pepperell he married Miss Lucy Smith, of that place, who bore him several children. Of these but two are now living, namely: Luther H., of Pepperell; and Leonard B., the subject of this sketch. The parents were members of the Congregational church. In politics the father was a Democrat.

Leonard B. Dow spent his boyhood on the family homestead, acquiring his elementary education in the district schools, and subsequently finishing in the high school. When about seventeen years of age he began working at the carpenter's trade, which he afterward followed for nine or ten years. In October, 1856, he went to the Indian Territory, where he was engaged for some time in a general mercantile business, handling all kinds of supplies, and trading with the Choctaw Indians, having received a license from the government for so doing. After ten years' absence he returned to the place of his birth, and for a few years was there employed as a contractor and builder. In December, 1869, he became a permanent resident of Milford, settling here in business. In the following year he built his saw-mill, which he has since successfully operated, adding to the manufacture of lumber that of cider and cider vinegar, in which he has a substantial trade, his manufactures in this line being celebrated for their excellency and purity. He was Selectman for twelve years, and for more than half of that period the chairman of the Board. He is one of the directors of the Milford Building and Loan Association. In politics he is independent, having the courage of his convictions, voting for the best men and the best principles, regardless of party restrictions.

On February 22, 1867, Mr. Dow married Miss Sarah J. Pierce, daughter of Calvin and Jane (Elliott) Pierce. She was born and educated in Pepperell, Mass. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Dow are: Lucy J. and Hattie P. Both are teachers in Westfield, Mass.—Lucy in the high school, and Hattie P. a teacher in the graded schools. Mr. Dow at-

tends and contributes toward the support of the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Dow is an active member.

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**C**LON. CLEMENT J. WOODWARD was born in Roxbury, Cheshire County, N.H., September 7, 1850. His parents removed to Keene, the county seat, a few miles from his birthplace, when he was six years of age, and he has since resided here. He received his education in the public schools of Keene, completing a course at the high school and at Colby Academy, New London, N.H. Mr. Woodward is treasurer and manager of the Sentinel Printing Company, publishers and proprietors of the *Daily* and *Weekly Sentinel*; also a director of the Keene National Bank. He has been a member of the Keene city government, represented his ward in the legislature of 1887-88, and was a member of the State Senate of 1893-94. He was married October 3, 1877, and has one son.

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**E**X-GOVERNOR DAVID H. GOODELL was born in Hillsboro, N.H., May 6, 1834, son of Jesse R. and Olive (Wright) Goodell. His grandfather, David Goodell, also a native of Hillsboro, was born September 15, 1774. David followed agriculture, and was much respected by the community in which he resided. He married Mary Raymond, who was born in Mont Vernon, N.H., January 18, 1779. They had three children, who are now deceased. The youngest was the father of David H. David Goodell and his wife were both members of the Baptist church in Hillsboro. In political belief he was a Democrat. He died September 22, 1848, and his wife's death occurred May 17, 1864.

Jesse R. Goodell was born in Hillsboro, February 12, 1807. From his youth he was engaged in farming on the old homestead until he was thirty-four years of age. Then he moved to Antrim, and, having purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres, settled down there for the remainder of his days.

This place is now the residence of ex-Governor Goodell. Jesse R. married Olive Atwood, daughter of Reuben Wright, of Washington, N.H. They had but one child, the subject of this article. Both were members of the Baptist church in Hillsboro and Antrim, and he was Deacon for many years. He was Selectman of the town of Antrim. A Democrat in his early manhood, he became a Republican after the late war. An industrious and upright man, strictly correct in his habits, he was respected by all who knew him. He died November 6, 1886, and his wife died January 13, 1877.

David H. Goodell began his schooling in Hillsboro. But seven years of age when his parents moved to Antrim, he afterward attended school at Hancock, New Hampton Institute, and Franecestown, and was a student at Brown University for about a year and a half. He also obtained experience and training of another kind by teaching school at different times and by working on his father's farm, to which latter he gave considerable attention. Having shown himself a keen business man, he was made treasurer of the Antrim Shovel Company at the age of twenty-three. In 1857 he became agent for the same company, which was sold out in 1864. In the meantime he had turned his attention to the invention of an apple-parer, and, being wholly successful in this, he commenced to manufacture it in Antrim in 1865. The result was the formation of the firm D. H. Goodell & Co., which continued in existence up to 1867. Misfortune then made its appearance in the shape of a fire that destroyed the plant, which was a total loss, as there was no insurance. Assistance was given him by the firm of Treadwell & Co., but when they failed, in 1870, he lost everything. Nothing daunted, however, he borrowed a thousand dollars from his former customers, Sargent & Co., of New York City, and in 1871 again began the manufacture of the apple-parers, continuing alone in the business up to 1875. It should be mentioned that in 1872 he organized the Woods Cutlery Company for the manufacture of cutlery, with a factory at Bennington and an office at Antrim. Success rapidly fol-

lowed; and in 1875 the Goodell Company was organized, absorbing both the Woods Cutlery Company and the D. H. Goodell Company. This firm, which has continued up to the present time, has one of the largest manufactories of cheap cutlery in America. In 1879 the business had increased so rapidly that they opened up the old factory in Bennington, enlarging it and running it in connection with the works at Antrim. There are about two hundred and seventy-five hands in the employ of the company, and ex-Governor Goodell has been the president and treasurer ever since its organization.

Mr. Goodell has always been a man of affairs. Deeply interested in the welfare of the community, he held various offices previous to his reaching the gubernatorial chair. He was Moderator, Town Clerk, and chairman of the School Committee. From 1878 to 1885 he was a member of the State Board of Agriculture, and he was State Representative in 1876. He was elected one of Governor Hale's Council in 1882 by an overwhelming vote, and served as such until 1885. In 1888 he was elected Governor of New Hampshire, in which capacity he served from 1889 to 1891. From the least important to the greatest of these offices he has given evidence of the highest ability.

On September 1, 1857, Mr. Goodell was married to Hannah Jane Plumer, who was born at Goffstown, N.H., April 13, 1835. They have two children — Dura Dana and Richard Carter. Dura Dana, born September 6, 1858, was married August 31, 1886, to Nellie Lurretta Little, who was born in Antrim, November 2, 1855. They have one child, Claire Deane, born November 12, 1887. Richard Carter, born August 10, 1868, was married August 10, 1892, to Una G. White, who died April 5, 1895, without children. The ex-Governor and his wife are both members of the Baptist church, and he has been a Deacon in the same since 1886. In polities he has supported the Republican party since the war. He is a member of the Antrim Grange. He has done a great deal for Antrim. Eminently successful both in his public and private capacities, his native State and town may justly

be proud of him. He is a great temperance advocate, and has done noble work in the advancement of that cause.

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**J**OHN H. LAING, who for many years has been connected with the Gilsum woollen-mills at Gilsum, Cheshire County, N.H., was born in North Andover, Mass., October 9, 1850. His father was William Laing, a native of Scotland, and an expert dyer, who was employed in woollen-mills in various places, and died in Andover, Mass. He reared five children, namely: William; George; Allison; Jeanette; and John H., the subject of this sketch.

John H. Laing was educated in Keene, N.H., and Gaysville, Vt. After leaving school he sailed from Provincetown, Mass., on a whaling-vessel for a two years' cruise in the northern seas, and upon his return he served an apprenticeship in a woollen factory. He has been connected with the mills in Gilsum since 1873, and is well acquainted with the business. He is quite active in public affairs, and has served as Selectman, Tax Collector, and Truant Officer. He is a Master Mason, and also belongs to the Patrons of Husbandry.

Mr. Laing married Mary L. Train, of Saxton's River, Vt. He attends the Congregational church.

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**F**TON. AMOS J. BLAKE, attorney and counsellor at law of Fitzwilliam, Cheshire County, N.H., was born October 20, 1836, in the neighboring town of Rindge, which was the birthplace and lifelong residence of his parents, Ebenezer and Hepzibeth (Jewett) Blake. His grandfather, Deacon Eleazar Blake, was born in Wrentham, Mass., April 1, 1757.

"Eleazar Blake, Wrentham, private, Captain Samuel Cowell's company, Colonel John Smith's regiment, which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, service eleven days"—thus begins the long paragraph comprising his military record, giving names of different colonels and captains under whom he served,

with dates and periods of enlistment, etc., in "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors," a compilation from the archives prepared and published by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, vol. ii. p. 127, published in 1896.

The following more detailed account of his army experience is from other sources. Eleazar Blake participated in the siege of Boston; and on June 17, the day of the battle of Bunker Hill, he with others was engaged in fortifying Prospect Hill, where he witnessed the desperate engagement. His regiment was sent to New York in 1777, and, joining the army under General Gates, participated in the triumphs of the patriots over General Burgoyne, taking an honorable part in the memorable battles of Stillwater and Saratoga. During the winter of 1777-78 he endured the miseries of hunger and nakedness at Valley Forge, and the following spring and summer he was with the army immediately under the command of General Washington. In 1780, then in Colonel Shepard's regiment, he was appointed Sergeant, and in 1782 was detailed Assistant Quartermaster of the Fourth Massachusetts Brigade, in which line of service he continued until his discharge, June 12, 1783, at Camp New Windsor, New York, from whence he travelled on foot a distance of two hundred and twenty miles to his home in Wrentham, where he arrived June 21, after an almost continuous service in the war of more than eight years.

In the autumn following his discharge Eleazar Blake, accompanied by his brother Ebenezer, who had served four years in the army, visited Coos County, New Hampshire, where he remained several months, and was engaged as a school teacher. After a brief residence in New York, he married November 29, 1785, Jerusha Gerould, daughter of Gamaliel and Jerusha (Mann) Gerould, of Wrentham, and settled in Stoddard, N.H. In 1792 he removed to Rindge, where he continued to reside, following the occupation of a farmer and wheelwright.

Under the ministry of the eminent Dr. Seth Payson he was chosen Deacon of the Congregational church, in which capacity he officiated until eighty years of age. The blameless

character of Deacon Blake, his unimpeachable integrity, and his Christian counsels will long be treasured by his townsmen and acquaintances. He died September 27, 1852, aged ninety-five years and six months.

Ebenezer Blake, the father of the subject of this sketch, was the youngest child of Deacon Eleazar and Jerusha Mann (Gerould) Blake, and was born in Rindge, November 16, 1800. His occupation was that of a farmer and carpenter. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence and of sterling character. He took a deep interest in public affairs, and for many years held and discharged with fidelity the duties of a Justice of the Peace, besides holding other town offices. He died April 8, 1883, aged eighty-three years. He was admitted a member of the Congregational church October 26, 1834.

His wife, Hepsibeth, was the daughter of Amos and Lydia Jewett, of Rindge. She was a woman of superior endowments, a devoted wife and mother, uniting exemplary Christian piety with an unclouded disposition and many excellences of character. The light of her example will long continue to shed its cheerful rays around the pathway of her surviving children. She was admitted a member of the Congregational church on the same date with her husband, October 26, 1834. She died November 10, 1874, aged seventy-two years.

Amos J. Blake was the eighth child and seventh son of Ebenezer and Hepsibeth Blake. He attended the common and select schools of his native town, until, arriving at the age of seventeen, he determined upon a higher course of education. Teaching school each winter to procure the means for continuing his studies, he pursued a classical course and the higher branches and mathematics at Mount Caesar Seminary, Swansey, N.H., Green Mountain Liberal Institute, Woodstock, Vt., and at Appleton Academy, New Ipswich, N.H. When he left Appleton Academy in July, 1859, he was fitted for college; but, instead of carrying out his plans in that direction, he began the study of law in the office of F. F. Lane at Keene, and remained until February 28, 1861, when he entered the office of D. H. Woodward. He was admitted to the bar in

April, 1862, and a little over a year later, July 13, 1863, he opened an office in Fitzwilliam, where he still continues to engage in active practice. He was admitted to practice in the United States District Court October 1, 1867. He has acted as administrator, executor, trustee of estates of deceased persons, and guardian, trustee, assignee, and receiver, in a large number of cases. He has been engaged in several very important cases, to which he has given his personal attention.

Mr. Blake is a lifelong Republican and an active supporter of his party, acting as a speaker in Fitzwilliam and neighboring towns during political campaigns. On October 13, 1862, he was appointed Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue, and held the office until June, 1871. He was elected Representative to the New Hampshire legislature in 1872 and 1873, and served during both sessions on the Judiciary Committee. He was a member of the convention which met in January, 1889, to revise the Constitution of the State of New Hampshire, and was the author of the resolution to change the time of the meeting of the legislature from the first Wednesday of June to the first Wednesday of January biennially.

This resolution was offered to the convention on Thursday, January 3. The following day, on motion of Mr. Blake, the convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole to take the matter under consideration. Mr. Blake then spoke briefly upon the resolution, but in forceful and pertinent language that riveted the attention of his hearers. He recalled to their minds that this amendment was one of the prime objects of the convention, the question whether it was expedient that such a convention be held having previously been submitted to the vote of the people of the State by an act of the legislature. He laid special stress on the fact that, since the change to biennial sessions, so long as the legislature assembled in June, twice in every six years a vacancy would occur in the office of United States Senator, from the 4th of March to the assembling of the legislature in the following June; and, instead of being represented in the United States Senate by a Senator elected by the legislature of New

Hampshire, they would for that intervening time be represented by a Senator appointed by the executive. He also called to their mind the changes in travelling facilities since the adoption of the State Constitution a hundred years ago, when members were obliged to travel on foot or on horseback, and five to eight days were required by those from distant towns to reach the capital of the State; and it would have been almost impossible for them to travel during the month of January. Further, as a large majority of the members of the legislature are farmers, they could better leave their farms in January than in June to attend the session of the legislature, which would generally be expected to adjourn before the warm summer months. Thus the sessions would in many instances be shorter, and considerable expense be saved to the State. These weighty considerations, thus forcibly presented, had due effect upon the convention: and on January 11, 1889, the resolution was adopted, and the proper changes made to the Constitution in conformity thereto.

Mr. Blake was appointed State Bank Commissioner in 1876, 1877, 1878, and 1879. In June, 1880, he was appointed and served as enumerator for the town of Fitzwilliam of the tenth census of the United States, and in June, 1890, of the eleventh census. He served as superintending School Committee of Rindge for two years prior to his settlement in Fitzwilliam, and has held that office for eleven years in Fitzwilliam. He has served many years as Moderator of town meetings, as supervisor of the Fitzwilliam Town Library, and as president and a trustee of the Fitzwilliam Savings Bank. He has also held the office of Selectman of the town for several years.

Mr. Blake married for his first wife Miss Lizzie A. Howe, youngest daughter of Dennis and Lucy (Ball) Howe, of Jaffrey, and formerly of Rindge. She died June 22, 1867, leaving one son, who died September 8, 1867. He married for his second wife Miss Flora E. Stone, eldest daughter of Nathan and Mary Louisa (Miles) Stone, of Fitzwilliam, and has one son, Leroy Stanley Blake, born November 5, 1883.

Mr. Blake, outside of his professional reading, is interested in many special studies. He is deeply versed in geology and kindred sciences, having made a large collection of New England minerals. He is an historical student, versed in antiquarian lore, and is an authority on local history and genealogy.

For a quarter of a century Mr. Blake has been identified with the Masonic fraternity, having joined the Social Friends Lodge, No. 42, at Keene in 1862. He was admitted to the Monadnock Lodge, No. 80, in Troy in 1866. He has been very active in forwarding the History of Fitzwilliam, and has rendered valuable aid in its compilation. He is a member of the New Hampshire Historical Society, and also of the Sons of the American Revolution.

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**R**EV. GEORGE F. MERRIAM, who is well known and highly esteemed in Greenville, Mason, Temple, and the surrounding towns, was born October 20, 1836, son of Deacon Franklin and Mary Ann (Lane) Merriam. He is a descendant of William Mirriam, of Hadlow, County of Kent, England, whose three sons — Joseph, George, and Robert — emigrated to Massachusetts soon after the settlement of Boston. Joseph, who with George located in Concord, became a freeman of Massachusetts, March 14, 1639. Directly descended from him, and also named Joseph, was the great-grandfather of the Rev. Mr. Merriam. The connecting links of the intervening generations were: John Merriam, who married Mary Cooper; Joseph Merriam, who married Dorothy Brooks; and Nathan Merriam, who married Abigail Wheeler. This Joseph Merriam, born in Concord, Mass., went from that town to Mason in 1769. Here he cleared a large tract of land, and founded a home, and made an honorable name for himself and his descendants. He followed agriculture through-

out his life, and took an active interest in town affairs. He was Selectman for many years, and was the first Representative from the town of Mason, being sent to the legislature in 1775. The first of his two marriages was made with Miss Mary Brooks, of Concord, who was the mother of all his children, five in number. The maiden name of his second wife was Sally Hill. He was a member of the Congregational church, and he lived to a good age.

Joseph Merriam, Jr., the eldest child of Joseph and Mary (Brooks) Merriam, was born in Mason, and there subsequently followed farming throughout his active years. Like his father he was very industrious, and was interested in town affairs. He and his wife, who were supporters of the Congregational church, brought up their children in the good old Puritan fashion. He lived to be about fifty years old. His wife died about five years later. There were seven children in this family, four boys and three girls, five of whom reached adult age. Franklin Merriam, son of Joseph Merriam, Jr., was born in Mason in 1809. He was a farmer and a very prominent man in the town of Mason. Of unquestioned integrity and highly esteemed, he was often called upon to take charge of the legal settlement of estates. He was Selectman for a number of years in Mason and Temple. The latter part of his life was spent in Greenville, where he died at the age of eighty years. A firm believer in the Whig principles, upon the formation of the Republican party he joined the young organization, and was thereafter a staunch supporter of it. He married Mary Lane, daughter of Samuel Lane, of Bedford, Mass., and to them four children were born. Both Mr. and Mrs. Merriam were members of the Congregational church, and Mr. Merriam was for many years a Deacon of the society. He was also superintendent of the Sunday-school for many years in Temple, and was one of the first Deacons of the Greenville church.

It is hardly to be wondered at that George Merriam, the eldest child of Franklin Merriam, should feel himself called to the ministry. Removing with his parents to Temple in his eleventh year, George attended school there

for a time, and later fitted for college at New Ipswich, Appleton Academy. In 1861 he graduated from Amherst College, and began his theological studies at Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey. After remaining here for one year he went to Union Theological Seminary at New York City, where he graduated in May, 1864. He was also a student of Bellevue Medical College, New York, for one year. In 1864 Mr. Merriam entered upon his present pastorate. On the 9th of October of that year he preached his first sermon at Mason, and March 9 of the following year he was ordained pastor of the Second Congregational Church of Mason. From April 15, 1883, to December 15, 1891, Mr. Merriam was pastor of the New Ipswich Congregational Church, also supplying the pulpits of the Mason Congregational Church and the Methodist church in New Ipswich. When the town of Greenville was set apart from Mason and incorporated as a separate township, Mr. Merriam was the first man chosen to represent it in the State legislature, after which he was twice re-elected. He was also a member of the Constitutional Convention, and was Town Clerk of Greenville from 1875 to 1877. For a number of years past he has been the secretary of the Mason Village Savings Bank, and he is also a trustee and a member of the Finance Committee of that corporation. In his denomination Mr. Merriam has been prominent. He has been three times a member of the National Congregational Council, as well as Moderator of the State General Association; and for the past twenty years he has been scribe of Hollis Association. He has also written frequently for the public press, and he is the author of a published History of Greenville and of several memorial tributes.

On August 11, 1868, Mr. Merriam was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Bisland) McGown. Their four children — Franklin H., Mary E., George E., and Joseph E. — fitted for college at New Ipswich, Appleton Academy; and the youngest two boys graduated from Phillips Andover Academy in the class of 1892. Franklin Henry Merriam, the eldest child, born March

14, 1870, is now a student in the Harvard Medical School, with the purpose of becoming a physician. Mary Elizabeth, the only daughter, born July 18, 1871, is a graduate of Middlebury College, class of 1895. George Ernest, born May 4, 1873, graduated in June of last year from Amherst College, and is now preparing at Union Theological Seminary to follow his father's profession. The youngest child, Joseph Edwin, born July 7, 1876, is also a graduate of Amherst College, and now a student at Boston University Law School.

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**A**RTIIUR A. WOODWARD, a prosperous general merchant and Postmaster of Swanzey, Cheshire County, was born in this town, December 2, 1858. His grandfather, John Woodward, who was the first of the family to settle in Swanzey, devoted the greater part of his active period to agricultural pursuits. Ezekiel P. Woodward, father of Arthur A., was reared to farm life in this town, and resided here until his death, which occurred March 25, 1897. He was a Democrat in politics, took an active interest in the welfare of the town, and was highly esteemed by his fellow-townsmen.

Arthur A. Woodward began his education in the schools of his native town, and later attended Comer's Commercial College at Boston. He then entered a store in Springfield as a clerk, but after remaining there for a short time returned to Swanzey, and carried on a farm here for about eight years. In 1891 he purchased the business of A. B. Read, dealer in general merchandise, which he has since conducted with profitable results. His increasing trade made it necessary some time ago for him to enlarge his floor space; and by making additions, in which he placed his dry-goods and boot and shoe departments, he obtained ample room for the display of his various lines of goods. He now employs two assistants, and his patrons come from Middleton, Marlboro Depot, and Richmond. Mr. Woodward possesses the qualities of thrift, industry, and business foresight in a degree that accounts for his increasing success. He is

active in town affairs, and is ever ready with his aid and influence to forward any measure for the public good. He has been Tax Collector three years, Supervisor of the Check List six years, was Selectman in 1896, and has been Postmaster five years. He is a member of Monadnock Lodge, F. & A. M., of Troy, N.H., has occupied all the important chairs in the Order of the Golden Cross, and belongs to Golden Rod Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

Mr. Woodward married Nancie M. Holbrook, daughter of Chiron Holbrook, of Swanzey, and he has two children—Leon A. and Mary E. He and Mrs. Woodward attend the Congregational church.

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**A**RTIIUR W. HOLBROOK, First Selectman and a rising young farmer of Bedford, was born upon the farm where he now resides, August 17, 1862, son of James and Harriet (Drew) Holbrook. Five generations of the family lived in the same house, and three of these were born there. John Holbrook, great-grandfather of Arthur W., joined the Continental army when he was sixteen years old, and subsequently served in the Revolutionary War. In February, 1803, John moved his family from Brookline, Mass., to Bedford, where he acquired a tract of land located upon the hill which has since borne his name. Here he cleared and improved the farm now owned by his great-grandson. He was a prominent man of Bedford in his day, and as a supporter of the Democratic party was one of the Presidential Electors who cast the vote of New Hampshire for Andrew Jackson. In his religious views he was a Presbyterian. At his death he was seventy-eight years old. He married Sarah Griggs, a native of Massachusetts, who lived to a good old age. Their children were: Peggy, John, Ralph, Ebenezer, Sarah, Thomas G., Abiel, Joseph, and Polly.

Thomas G. Holbrook, grandfather of Arthur W., was born in Brookline, Mass., April 20, 1801. He succeeded to the possession of the farm and cultivated it with energy during his active years. In politics he was a Whig, and he represented his district in the legislature

for two terms. For many years he acted as a Deacon of the Baptist church. He died July 4, 1888, aged eighty-seven years. He was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Asenath Riddle, died June 23, 1845, aged forty-four. His children by her were: George, James, Albert R., and Silas. Of these the only survivor is George, who was born April 22, 1830, an esteemed citizen of Manchester. He is a Deacon of the Merrimack Street Baptist Church, and has represented his district in the State Senate, besides serving in other offices. He married Emma Brown, whose only child by him—George H. Holbrook, born August 7, 1858—is now the teller of the Manchester Bank. Albert R., born March 21, 1837, who was not married, died September 1, 1864, shot by a sharpshooter before Petersburg. Silas, born November 11, 1839, who served in the Civil War with the First New Hampshire Battery, received two wounds, one of which indirectly caused his death, May 4, 1880. He married Lucy S. Crosby, whose only child by him, Albert A., went to Arizona, where he married and subsequently died, leaving no children. James Holbrook, Arthur W. Holbrook's father, was born at the homestead on Holbrook Hill, August 22, 1832. When a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, and settling in Manchester he followed that calling until a short time previous to his death, which occurred when he was thirty-three years old. An industrious, upright man, who had gained the esteem and good will of all with whom he came in contact, his untimely death was sincerely regretted. In politics he acted with the Republican party. In his religious belief he was a Baptist. His wife, Harriet, who was born in New Hampshire, September 21, 1837, became the mother of two sons. These were: Frank T., born in 1857, who died November 22, 1866; and Arthur W., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. James Holbrook resides at 299 Manchester Street, Manchester, N.H.

Arthur W. Holbrook was reared on the homestead in Bedford, and his schooling was completed at the Normal Institute at Reed's Ferry. He inherited the farm of seventy-one

acres, and he is carrying on general farming with energy and success. The land is remarkable for its fertility, while the healthfulness of its situation leaves nothing to be desired.

On May 5, 1886, Mr. Holbrook was united in marriage with Adella S. Mason. She was born in Burke, N.Y., November 5, 1859, daughter of Nathan and Clarinda (Howell) Mason. Mrs. Holbrook is the mother of two sons: Chester M., born April 4, 1887; and Harold A., born November 11, 1890. Mr. Holbrook served upon the School Board for one year. He is now a member of the Board of Health, and is serving his third year as Selectman. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook belong to the Baptist church in Manchester, but they attend the Bedford church mostly.

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**R**ALPH HOLBROOK, a well-known and substantial farmer of Amherst, was born in Bedford, N.H., January 14, 1838, son of Ralph and Lucy (Dodge) Holbrook. Deacon John Holbrook, father of Ralph, Sr., was one of the Andrew Jackson Presidential Electors. He also served in the Revolutionary War. Ralph, Sr., was born in Roxbury, Mass., in 1794. In 1803, when nine years of age, he went with his parents to Bedford, where he spent the remainder of his life, and died in 1866. His wife, Lucy, who was born in New Boston in 1802, lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years and six months. Ralph and Lucy Holbrook had seven children, of whom three are living, namely: Mary W., the widow of Thomas Rawson, of Beloit, Wis.; Lydia D., the wife of Joseph Wight, of Belfast, Me.; and Ralph, the subject of this biography. Griggs Holbrook, who served in the Civil War, was taken prisoner by the Confederates, and died in Andersonville Prison.

Ralph Holbrook obtained his education in the district schools of Bedford. The early years of his life were spent on a farm, and since starting for himself he has been engaged in farming. After his marriage he lived in Bedford for several years. Then he removed to Northfield, Vt., where for a number of years

he followed both farming and lumbering. He subsequently returned to Bedford. In 1884 he came to Amherst and settled on the farm where he now lives.

Mr. Holbrook was married on March 27, 1867, to Mrs. Henrietta Parkhurst, who was born in Chelsea, Mass., daughter of Granville and Hannah (Hutchins) Parker. Her first husband, Charles N. Parkhurst, died December 17, 1862, in Falmouth, Va., of typhoid fever. He was a Union soldier in Company A of the Tenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. Granville Parker was born in Sharon, N.H., and his wife in Rumford, Me. When a child, Mrs. Holbrook went with her parents to New Boston, N.H. After living there until she was ten years old, she came to Amherst with her parents, who settled on the farm which is now her home. They lived here for eleven years, and then moved to another farm in this neighborhood. Mr. Parker died in 1894, aged seventy-four years. His wife, who is now eighty-four years old, lives in Goffstown, N.H. In politics he was a Democrat. He was a member of Souhegan Grange; also of Hillsboro County Pomona Grange, which he served as Master. Five others of his seven children are living, namely: Granville and Arthur H., residents of Goffstown; Frank E., of Wakefield, Mass.; Charles O., of Manchester, N.H.; and Ella M., the wife of Frank B. Hazen, of Goffstown. George, the eldest child, died in 1884, aged forty-two. Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook have two daughters: Cora E., who is a teacher and lives at home; and Annie M., a book-keeper at Goffstown. In politics Mr. Holbrook is a stanch Democrat. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church of New Boston, N.H.

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**W**ILLIAM W. HOWARD, an extensive and enterprising agriculturist and fruit-grower, residing in the town of Milford, was born October 18, 1826, in Lyndeboro, N.H., son of Samuel Howard. The Howard family are of English extraction. According to tradition, it was first represented in this country by three brothers of that name, who came from old England to New England

at an early date, locating in Massachusetts. From one of these brothers, Silas Howard, the founder of the family in Hillsboro County was descended. Silas Howard was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. After its close he removed from his home in the town of Westford, Mass., to that part of Lyndeboro now included within the limits of Milford, and where his son Samuel was born.

Samuel Howard inherited the patriotic spirit of his ancestors. As a soldier in the War of 1812, he participated in six of the more important battles and in several slight skirmishes. He was a farmer by occupation, owning and managing the homestead now occupied by his son, William W. He married Sally Ames, of this town, who had six children by him, namely: William W., the subject of this sketch; Albert L., also of Milford; Sarah A., who died in 1866; Maria T., of Milford; Frances, the widow of the late Levi Holt, of this place; and Samuel A., of Boston, Mass. The father died in 1861, and the mother in 1867. Both were members of the Congregational church. In politics the father was a Republican.

After attending first the common schools of Lyndeboro for a time, William W. Howard became a student at the Francestown Academy. Upon leaving the academy, he taught school for a brief period. Since that time, with the exception of three years spent in Boston as an employee in the patent leather factory of his uncle, R. W. Ames, he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. Before the homestead farm on which he resides ceased to be a part of Lyndeboro, Mr. Howard served that town as Selectman for five years. Since it became a part of Milford, in the sixties, he has represented this place in the State legislature for three years. He was a member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1880. On this farm, which contains one hundred and twenty-five acres of good land, he carries on general farming, paying especial attention to the culture of fruit. He has also devoted a portion of his time to lumbering, meeting with a good degree of success in each branch of industry. In politics he and his sons are Republicans. Mr. Howard is a member of Gran-

ite Grange, No. 7, of Milford, which he has served as Master; and he has also been Master of Hillsboro County Pomona Grange, No. 1, for a year. He is a consistent member of the Congregational church.

In 1850 Mr. Howard married Mary A. Crosby, daughter of Rufus and Ann Crosby, late of Milford, N.H. Of this union three children have been born, namely: Mary E., who died in 1854; Alonzo W.; and William Rufus. The youngest son, who assists in the care of the home farm, is engaged to a considerable extent in lumbering. He is now a Representative to the State legislature; a member of Granite Grange, of which he has been Master; and he belongs to the Costos Morum Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Milford.

**J**OSEPH FORTIER, the proprietor of a general merchandise store in Marlboro, was born in St. Fordiceaux, Canada,

April 30, 1860. The father, Telesphor Fortier, who was born in the same province, came to this country a number of years ago, and began as a laborer in Ashuelot, N.H. He now repairs boots and shoes in Marlboro.

Joseph Fortier received his education in the New Hampshire schools. At the age of sixteen years he worked in the neighboring mills and at farm work. Coming to Marlboro in 1883, he was employed for two seasons in the quarry. He then built himself a residence and kept a pool-room there for three years. His next enterprise was a bakery, which he carried on for about two years. In 1891 he opened a general merchandise store, which he still conducts. He is also interested in the water-works of the town.

In 1883 Mr. Fortier married Melvina Demars, whose children by him are: Eddie G., Henry G., Dennis, and Cora, all natives of Marlboro. Mr. Fortier was made a citizen of the United States in 1882. In politics he follows an independent course. In religious belief he is a Catholic. He is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters and of the Society of St. John the Baptist. Mr. Fortier has won the esteem and good will of his neighbors by his genial manners and

straightforward dealing, and may be fairly regarded as a representative citizen of Cheshire County.

**D**AVID HEALD, the well-known member of the firm French & Heald, furniture manufacturers of Milford, is a native of Nelson, N.H. Born October 6, 1832, son of Oliver and Martha (Wright) Heald, he is of English extraction. One of his ancestors was a pioneer settler of Temple, N.H. Oliver Heald, familiarly known as Major, was a soldier in the War of 1812. He was a Selectman of Nelson and served in some other offices there. His wife traces her ancestry to Henry Dunster, an Englishman, who was the first president of Harvard College. Of the children of this couple three survive, namely: the Rev. Albert Heald, of Peterboro, N.H.; Henry, of Amherst, N.H.; and David, the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Heald spent his early boyhood in his native town, receiving a practical business education. After he attained the age of fourteen, he learned the furniture manufacturing trade. At the age of seventeen he came to Milford and worked as a journeyman at this trade for a number of years. In 1856 he started out for himself on a small scale as a furniture manufacturer, first employing a few hands. The business has so increased since that the firm of French & Heald now employs about one hundred hands. For a quarter of a century Mr. Heald was sole proprietor. In 1888 he admitted as a partner C. H. French, of Malden. J. W. Howard, who joined with them at the same time, withdrew after five years, since which the firm has borne the above name. They manufacture chamber suites, sideboards, book-cases, chiffonnières, etc., and confine their attention wholly to the wholesale trade. The factory is well equipped with modern machinery, which is run entirely by steam.

Mr. Heald has always taken an active interest in the educational affairs of his town, and was for several years on the School Board, being chairman of the Building Committee which had charge of the erection of the fine

school building in Milford. For one term he was State Representative from his town. He is a Prohibitionist in politics and a member of the Baptist church. He has been twice married. His first wife had six children, five of whom are living, namely: Edward S., the general manager of the furniture factory; Frank H., the superintendent of the shipping department of the factory; Florence H., the wife of Charles F. Morse, a civil engineer at Malden, Mass.; Mary S., the wife of Frederick S. Hutchinson, of the firm Hutchinson & Averill, grocers of Milford; and Harriett L., who is at home.

**L**EWIS GOODALL, a retired lawyer, now residing upon a farm in Deering, was born in this town, August 27, 1818, son of Robert and Elizabeth (Loveren) Goodall. He is a descendant of Robert Goodall, who was born in England in 1604, and came to this country among the early colonists. This ancestor's wife was named Katharine. A descendant of his, Samuel Goodall, became the father of eight children by his wife, Anna. Another Robert Goodall, eldest child of Samuel and Anna Goodall, and great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, resided in Salem, Mass. He married for his first wife Lizzie Wallace, who bore him two children. For his second wife he married Mrs. Mary Fowler, who had four children.

Stephen Goodall, born in Salem, the eldest child of Robert and Mary Goodall, was the grandfather of Lewis. In early life he moved to Weare, N.H. Some time after his marriage he settled in Deering, where he passed the rest of his life in agricultural pursuits. At his death he was sixty-five years old. He wedded Mary Greenleaf in Weare. Of their eight children the second son, Robert, Lewis Goodall's father, was born in Weare, and reared upon the homestead farm. Besides carrying on a farm, he followed the wheelwright's and carpenter's trades. A leading spirit in public affairs, he served as a Selectman and in other town offices, and he was elected to the legislature several times. He

married Elizabeth Loveren, of Deering, of whose five children by him Lewis and Frank P. are living. He lived to be sixty-five years old, and his wife died at eighty-nine. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Lewis Goodall began his education in his native town. Later he attended schools in Newbury, Vt., Concord, N.H., and the Pembroke Academy. His legal studies were pursued in the office of Franklin Pierce, who was afterward President of the United States. After his admission to the bar he went to Manchester, where he formed a partnership with William C. Clarke, under the firm name of Clarke & Goodall. This firm was dissolved a short time later, and Mr. Goodall practised alone for some time. In 1849 he went to California, where he spent six years in mining. Upon his return East he settled at the homestead in Deering.

On May 6, 1857, Mr. Goodall was joined in marriage with Emma J. Whittle, daughter of Thomas Whittle, of Deering, N.H. She bore him three children, of whom the only one living is Mary E., the wife of Henry E. Martin, of Goffstown. Mr. Goodall's son, Robert, who married Anna Forsaith, left two sons—Lewis W. and Arthur E., who are residing with their grandfather. Mrs. Goodall died at the age of fifty seven years. In politics Mr. Goodall is a Republican. He was Town Clerk for a time. He has been a Justice of the Peace for many years, and he is a member of White Mountain Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Concord.

**C**HRISTOPHER A. MASON, an enterprising lumberman of Hinsdale, is a native of Surry, N.H. Born November 15, 1829, he is a son of Elijah and Mary (Allen) Mason. His grandfather, Elijah Mason (first), who moved from Ashburnham, Mass., to Walpole, N.H., and resided upon a farm in that town for the rest of his life, married a Miss Bond and reared four children—Samuel, Peter, Elijah, and Hannah. Samuel carried on a farm in Walpole until his death; Hannah died at the age

of twenty-two years; and Peter died in Surry at an advanced age.

Elijah Mason, the father of Christopher A., who was born in Ashburnham, accompanied his parents to Walpole when he was eight years old. He resided there until reaching the age of thirty, when he removed to a farm in the southern part of Surry, where the rest of his life was passed. He died December 24, 1881, aged eighty-seven years. He took an active part in civil and military affairs, and was prominent among the representative men of Surry in his day. In politics he was a Republican. He was a strong, healthy man, never having suffered from illness until a day or two before his death, up to which he read without the aid of glasses. From the time of his majority he was never absent from a State or Presidential election, and he followed the Whig element into the ranks of the Republican party. His wife, Mary, was a daughter of Abel Allen, who served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. She became the mother of five children — Elijah B., Christopher A., Columbus A., William P., and Allen P. Elijah B. is residing at the homestead in Surry. Columbus A., the twin brother of Christopher, is the superintendent of the cemeteries in Keene, N.H. William P. lives in Surry. Allen P., who served through the Civil War, having learned the printer's trade in Keene, has carried on that business in Boston for many years.

Christopher A. Mason acquired a good practical education in his native town, and remained at home until he was twenty-one. In 1852 he went to Keene and formed a partnership with his brother. They engaged quite extensively in logging, buying timber lands and hauling lumber to market, and taking contracts for constructing and repairing thoroughfares. In the fall of 1864 Christopher A. Mason moved to Hinsdale, and in the following year purchased the Sargent farm on the Chesterfield road, about one mile from the village. He also bought large tracts of wild land, from which he cut and hauled the timber, and previous to the use of coal he did a large business in furnishing wood for fuel to mills and residences. At the present time he

owns about fourteen hundred acres of timber land. He cuts an average of three hundred thousand feet of lumber annually, and he employs, when his business is pressing, from twelve to fifteen men. He has furnished the lumber for the erection of many buildings. Upon his farm he has some of the finest stock to be found in this locality, and his draught oxen have taken premiums at several agricultural fairs.

Mr. Mason has been twice married. His first wife, Mary L. Nash Mason, who was a daughter of David Nash, of Alstead, N.H., died in 1863, leaving one daughter — Hattie J., who married Valmore E. Aldrich. Mr. Mason's second marriage was contracted with Harriet E. Baker, a daughter of David Baker, of Keene. She is a descendant of Thomas Baker, who came from England, and was living in Topsfield, Mass., in 1665. He was a military officer. Thomas Baker (third) settled in Keene about the year 1760. He was a tanner by trade, and carried on the business of tanning, shoemaking, and farming. He had two sons and six daughters, was a good citizen, and officiated as Justice of the Peace for many years. His son, Thomas (fourth), then in his ninth year, accompanied his parents to Keene, learned the shoemaker's trade, and worked for his father. This Thomas married Mrs. Betsey K. Abbott, a native of Wilton, N.H., who bore him two sons and four daughters. In 1807, after the death of his parents, the family located on a farm at West Keene. He survived his wife, and died April 4, 1842, aged eighty-nine years and eight months. Thomas Baker (fifth) married Huldah Dwinell, of Keene, in 1821, and settled in Glover, Vt. David, the second son, who remained on the homestead, married Amanda H. Ellis, of Keene, and had eight children — Emily F., George H., Sanford K., Diantha H., Mary A., Charles W., Harriet E., and John W. David Baker died April 20, 1868, aged seventy-two years and eight months. By his second union Mr. Mason has three children; namely, Mary H., Elizabeth K., and Francis E. Mary H. is the wife of Albert L. Hall. Elizabeth K. is residing at home. Francis E. was graduated from Dartmouth College with

the class of 1895, and is now a teacher in the Hinsdale High School.

In politics Mr. Mason is a Republican. He is at the present time serving as Road Agent, a position which his former experience as a contractor in Keene makes him especially qualified to fill, and which has enabled him to save much money for the town.

**W**HILIAM TITUS, the librarian of the Hancock Public Library, was born in Walpole, N.H., December 31, 1828, son of John and Susan (Wellington) Titus. His grandfather, Asa Titus, who was a native of Connecticut, followed agriculture in his earlier years. Asa was afterward for many years an operative in a woollen-mill in Walpole. He became an expert in the manufacture of cloth, and finally acquired possession of the mills, which he carried on for the rest of his life. He married a lady named Graves, of Walpole, and reared a family of six children, all of whom are now deceased.

John Titus, the eldest son of Asa, was a native of Walpole. After spending some time at farming exclusively, he learned the shoemaker's trade, and thereafter followed both throughout the rest of his active period. He died at the age of seventy-six. In politics he was a Democrat. His wife, Susan, was a daughter of a Revolutionary soldier, who in his later years received a pension from the government. She became the mother of five children, of whom John, William, and Sarah M. are living. John married Elmira Ballou, of Walpole, and has two children—Clara and Elmira. Sarah M. is the wife of William Ward, of Walpole, and her children are Wallace and William. Mrs. John Titus died at the age of sixty-eight years. She was a member of the Baptist church.

William Titus attended school in his native town for the usual period. Then he went to Keene, N.H., where he was employed at the Cheshire House for five years. From Keene he went to Peterboro, and for the succeeding nineteen years was connected with French's Hotel. In 1877 he came to Hancock to act as clerk for A. D. Tuttle, who carried on a store

in which the post-office was located, and was employed in this capacity until his employer's death. Since then he has looked after the property left by Mr. Tuttle. He has also been the librarian of the Hancock Public Library since its establishment in 1883.

On April 2, 1860, Mr. Titus wedded Margette White, daughter of Isaac and Augusta (Evelith) White, of Nelson, N.H. Their only child, Helen S., is now the wife of Professor John G. Thompson, the principal of the Normal School in Fitchburg, Mass., and has three children—Harold L., Carl T., and Arnold. Mr. Titus occupies a residence which he purchased some time previous to settling here. He is connected with the local grange of the Patrons of Husbandry. Politically, he acts with the Democratic party. Mrs. Titus is a member of the Congregational church.

**M**ARTIN MORSE, M.D., a rising young physician and surgeon of Peterboro, was born in Stoddard, N.H., January 23, 1872, son of Edward and Josephine (Upton) Morse, of that place. His grandfather, Nathaniel Morse, a lifelong resident of Stoddard and a shoemaker by trade, carried on considerable farming, was one of the most respected men of this town, and died in middle age. His wife, who survived him many years, was ninety years old at her death. Edward Morse, one of the eight children of Nathaniel, was born in Stoddard, October 4, 1832. After his school days ended, he spent a few years engaged in farming in that town. Later he moved to Nashua, N.H., and went into the real estate business, which he has since followed very successfully. Of unquestionable integrity in business and with a genial disposition, he has won the respect of the public and made many personal friends. He is well known not only in business circles, but in the social and intellectual life of Nashua.

Dr. Morse received his public-school education in Nashua. He was then sent to Phillips Academy at Exeter and later to Amherst College. Graduating from Amherst, he entered Boston University School of Medicine, where

he received his doctor's degree in 1896. In the same year he began the practice of his profession in Peterboro. Though only a little more than a year has elapsed since he began the practice of his profession, and although the field was already occupied by a number of skillful physicians, Dr. Morse has rapidly gained since then his share of the practice, and has performed several creditable cures.

On June 3, 1896, shortly after his graduation, Dr. Morse was united in marriage with Miss Bessie Austin Newell, of Salem. Dr. and Mrs. Morse attend the Unitarian church, and lend a generous support to every movement for progress or reform. Dr. Morse is an Independent in politics. He belongs to the Peterboro lodges of Masons and Odd Fellows, and takes an active interest in the work of both organizations.

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**D**ANIEL W. BURNS, a successful contractor and builder of Milford, was born here, December 18, 1835, son of John and Susan (Daniels) Burns. The father, familiarly known as Dr. John, was a son of Daniel Burns, and a lifelong resident of Milford. After spending his younger days in farming he took up the manufacture of proprietary medicines. He was a Republican from the formation of that party, and was a very enthusiastic supporter of the anti-slavery movement. His death occurred in the seventies. He was one of the forty persons who built the Orthodox church in Milford. His wife, whose maiden name was Susan Daniels, was a native of Brookline, N.H. Their children are: Susan E., the widow of Eben Converse, late of Kingston, N.H.; Marinda A., the wife of Handel A. Smith, of Milford; Daniel W., the subject of this sketch; and Maria A., the widow of Hezekiah P. Hamblett, also living in Milford.

Daniel W. Burns grew to manhood here in Milford. He left the public schools at the age of fifteen years, and was subsequently an attendant of New Hampton (N.H.) Academy for a time. When about seven years old he began learning the trade of a carpenter at Winchester, Mass., where he was employed

more or less for three years. Later for a short time he worked at his trade in Nashua, N.H., and then went to Boston, Mass. Here he was employed for ten years as a journeyman by William Barton, a well-known contractor and builder of that city, assisting in the erection of a number of fine buildings. Then, purchasing the business of Mr. Barton, he and John D. Wester, under the firm name of Wester & Burns, had carried it on for about a year when Mr. Burns sold his interest in it to Mr. Wester. After this he was engaged in building by contract independently, also dealing quite extensively in real estate until 1874, when he returned to Milford. He has since resided here upon a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, profitably occupied in mixed husbandry.

In 1860 Mr. Burns was united in marriage with Miss Sarah C. Kendall, a native of Hollis, N.H., and a daughter of Willard Kendall. Of their three children Willard W. has passed away. Those living are: Ulysses L., a merchant of Boston, Mass.; and Gertrude M., a teacher in the grammar school of South Chatham, Mass. Mr. Burns has always been a Republican in politics.

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**E**LTON A. SAFFORD, a well-known resident of Chesterfield, was born here March 19, 1849, son of Watson and Catharine (Hildreth) Safford. The great-grandfather, Ebenezer Safford, a farmer, came here from Warwick, Mass., about the year 1780, and settled on what is known as Dudley Farm. In 1783 he married Molly Hastings, daughter of Josiah Hastings. She died August 28, 1810. He contracted a second marriage with Lydia Holton, of Dummerston, Vt. His death occurred in 1843. His children were: Luke, born in 1783, who died in Bangor, N.Y.; Roswell, born November 18, 1784; and Ebenezer, born October 2, 1787.

Ebenezer Safford, the grandfather of Ellon A., was a blacksmith by trade, and always resided in Chesterfield. He married in 1809 Dolly Farr, a daughter of Wilhelm Farr. She died May 18, 1852, and he on December 29, 1870. Their six children were: Mary T.,

born in December, 1809, who married William Hadley; Norman E., born May 17, 1811; Lydia P., who died in 1880; Watson, born February 24, 1819; Oliver H., born December 23, 1820; Otis, born November 13, 1822, who married Mary Winslow in March, 1868. Watson Safford on September 27, 1843, married Catharine Hildreth, a daughter of Elijah Hildreth. She died March 7, 1882. His children were: Leavitt W., born November 10, 1844, who on March 29, 1869, married Hattie E., daughter of Corlis Hinds, who is engaged extensively in the milk business in Keene, N.H.; Ellon A., the subject of this sketch; Charles W., born June 25, 1854, a mechanic in Hinsdale, N.H.; Frank L., born July 27, 1857, a carpenter by trade, and also engaged in the meat business in Hinsdale; and Eddie A., born December 28, 1861, who died March 13, 1869.

Ellon A. Safford was educated in the district schools of Chesterfield and at Chesterfield Academy. Ambitious, like other intelligent young men, and anxious to begin in a growing town, he went to Keene, and became a clerk in a bakery store. In less than a year, however, he was obliged by illness to return home. Desiring outdoor employment for the sake of his health, he engaged in carpentering and farming on a small scale. In this way he has made a comfortable living since, although in this small town he does not receive large contracts. He has interested himself in public affairs, and believes in the growth of the town. He is a Republican in politics, and he does what he can to promote the welfare of the townspeople, especially their moral and educational interests. On the Board of Selectmen for the past three years, he is now the chairman of that body. He was Tax Collector for four years. Always faithful to his party and to the trust placed in him, he has been a delegate in many different conventions.

On February 14, 1871, Mr. Safford married Rosetta M. Holman, a daughter of William Holman. Her grandfather was James, who was an adopted son of David Holman. Her mother, who was a daughter of Josiah Higgins, had five children, namely: Rosetta M., born

May 5, 1853; Franklin, born December 30, 1854; Frederick W., born September 30, 1856; George A., born October 26, 1858; and Helen L., born March 6, 1861, who died August 3, 1877. Mr. Safford and his wife have one child.



GEORGE H. DODGE, who is engaged in the manufacture of lumber in Hancock, was born in Antrim, N.H., March 3, 1863, son of John and Sarah J. (McVennon) Dodge. His great-grandfather, Amos Dodge (first), born in Wenham, Mass., July 11, 1754, on May 15, 1778, married Lydia Batchelder, who was born April 9, 1756. The fourth of their eight children, Amos Dodge (second), was born in Wenham, November 22, 1784. In his early life this Amos was a fisherman. After his marriage he bought a large farm in Antrim, N.H., where he followed agriculture for the rest of his active years. He was one of the stirring farmers of his day, and highly esteemed for his upright character. On January 4, 1815, he married Patty White, who bore him two children — Amos and John. Amos Dodge (third) wedded Mcitable R. Weston, and has three children living — George W., Della J., and Flora S. His father died July 11, 1862, and his mother, July 18, 1874, aged eighty-seven years. Both parents were members of the Presbyterian church.

John Dodge, who was born in Antrim, March 9, 1816, learned the brick mason's trade, which he followed in connection with agriculture during his active years. He owned a good farm in Antrim, where he tilled the soil successfully until he moved to Marlow, where his last days were spent. He served as a Selectman in Antrim for three years, and was a member of the House of Representatives from Marlow for the years 1872 and 1873. In politics he was a Democrat. He was widely known as an able business man and a worthy citizen, and had a large number of personal friends and acquaintances. John Dodge died January 8, 1874, leaving a good estate. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. On January 19, 1842, he married

Sarah J. McVennon, who, born February 19, 1825, daughter of James McVennon, comes of Scotch-Irish ancestry. She became the mother of three children, namely: Mary M., born July 10, 1843; Sarah L., born September 11, 1855; and George H., the subject of this sketch. Mary M. is the wife of Addison Warner, of Minneapolis, Minn., and her children are: Beth, Belle, Harold D., and Fred G. Sarah L. wedded Milan F. Jones, of Keene, N.H. The mother is still living, and resides in Hancock.

George H. Dodge was educated in the schools of Marlow. When a young man he went to Keene, where he remained for three years, working in a tannery and driving a team. He next came to Hancock, where he purchased a general store, and afterward carried it on for eight years. For two years and a half he drove a stage, and carried the mail from Hancock to Alstead. He bought his present saw-mill in 1896, and, having put in improved machinery, began the manufacture of lumber. There are many indications that this will be a most successful enterprise.

On June 30, 1887, Mr. Dodge was joined in marriage with Alice R. Pike, daughter of Samuel K. Pike, of Newbury, N.H. In Hancock Mr. Dodge has been Postmaster for about four years. Politically, he is a Republican. He is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry, having held some of the offices in the local grange; and he and Mrs. Dodge attend the Congregational church. An active man with progressive ideas, his many friends are justified in predicting for him a prosperous future.

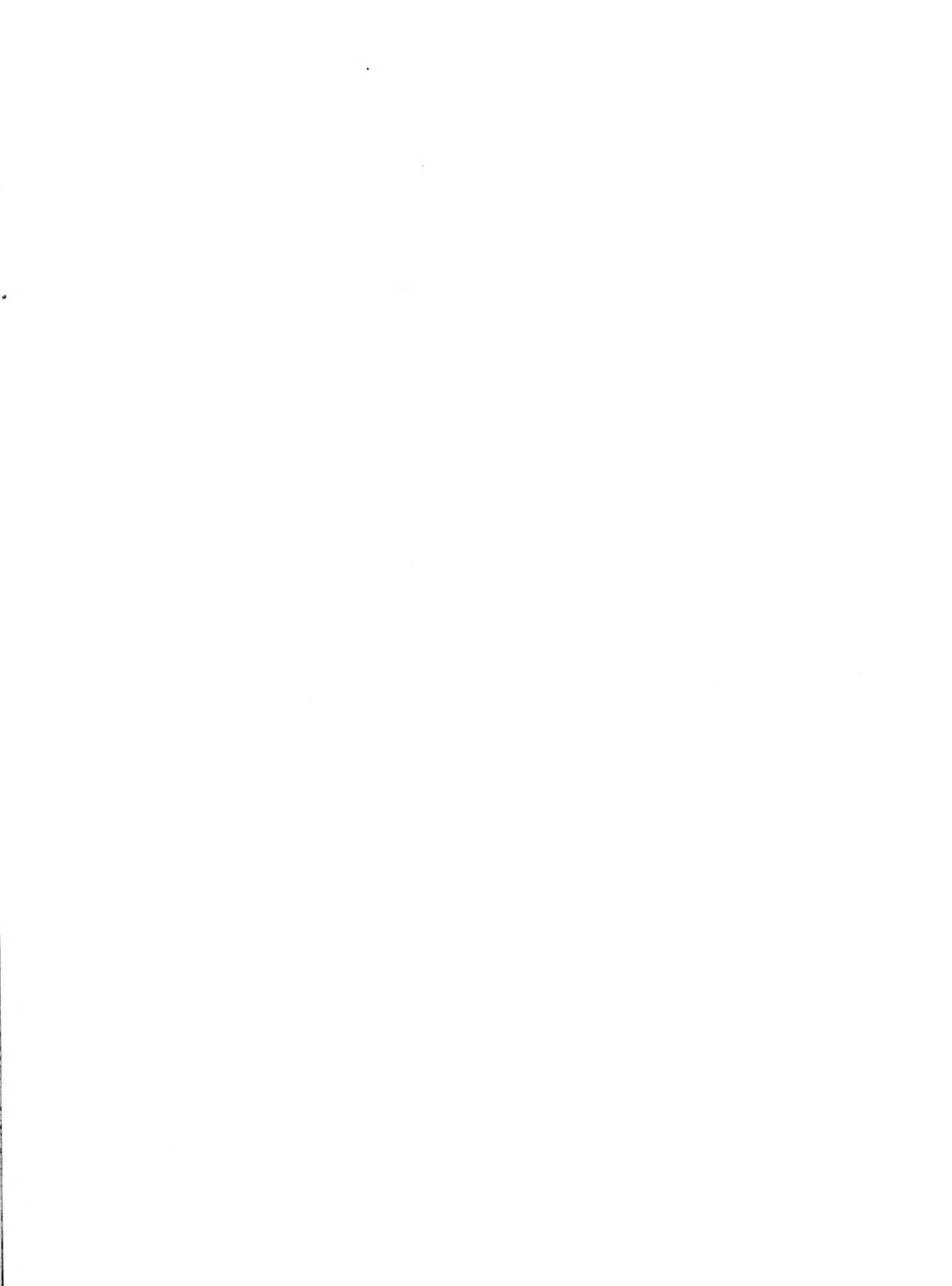
**Z**OPHAR WILLARD, a retired manufacturer of Harrisville and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town when it was included as a part of the town of Dublin, October 5, 1828, son of Levi and Irene (Knights) Willard. His grandfather, Elijah Willard, who was a native of Massachusetts and a Revolutionary soldier, became a Baptist minister, and was pastor of a church in Dublin for many years. Elijah was twice married.

His first marriage was contracted with Phoebe Archer, who had by him fourteen children. The maiden name of his second wife was Betsey Knights.

Levi Willard, who was born in Dublin in 1796, was reared to agricultural life, and eventually became the owner of a large farm in his native town. He was one of the able general farmers and extensive cattle dealers of his day. A man of character and sound judgment, he was elected to the Board of Selectmen and to other offices, which he filled acceptably. In religion he was a Baptist. He died in 1860. His wife, Irene, who was born in Sudbury, Mass., in 1808, became the mother of thirteen children: namely, Annis, Solon, Zophar, David, Rachel, Marshall, Charles J., Emily, Harriet, Levi, Benjamin, Milton B., and Jennie I. Of these Levi died in the army; Annis, Rachel, Marshall, Charles J., and Emily are also deceased; Solon, David, and Milton B. reside in Harrisville; Harriet married for her second husband Charles Nye; Benjamin resides upon a farm in Dublin, and is a general contractor and cattle dealer; and Jennie I. is the wife of Martin M. Mason, a prosperous farmer of Dublin. The mother died in 1894.

Zophar Willard was educated in the schools of Dublin and Harrisville. Subsequently he was employed in teaming between this town and Keene for about twenty-five years, after which he engaged in the manufacture of woodenware, and carried on a prosperous business for about thirty years, or until his retirement in 1896. He was formerly one of the owners of the Cheshire Woollen Mills. His reputation was that of an active and successful business man. He rendered valuable service to the town as a Selectman; he was a Representative to the legislature in 1893 and 1894, where he served on the Labor Committee; and he is one of the leaders of the Republican party in this section.

Mr. Willard married Betsey H. Culver, of Dublin. Her grandfather was a Revolutionary patriot. Her father, Rev. Lyman Culver, who was born in Wilmington, Conn., in 1791, died in 1870. Mrs. Willard's mother, in maidenhood Fanny Hovey, was born in Man-





DENMAN THOMPSON.

chester-by-the-Sea, Mass., in 1796, and also died in 1870. Mrs. Willard has been the mother of three children, namely: Addie E., born in Dublin, January 1, 1856; Levi A., born September 22, 1861, who died in February, 1888; and Fanny B., born in December, 1863, who died March 16, 1886. Addie E. married for her first husband Nathaniel Wheeler. She is now the wife of Frank S. Harris, of this town. While unconnected with any church, Mr. Willard liberally contributes to several church societies. He has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for many years.

**D**ENMAN THOMPSON, a resident of Swanzey, is one of the best known American comedians of the present day. His quaint yet truthful portraiture of Joshua Whitcomb has made him famous from Maine to Texas, from the Atlantic seaboard to the Golden Gate. Born October 15, 1833, in his father's log cabin at Beechwood, Erie County, Pa., son of Captain Rufus Thompson, he descends in a direct line from one of the original settlers of Swanzey. In May, 1735, the General Court of Massachusetts granted to sixty pioneers the site of the present town of Swanzey. The original survey divided the grant into sixty-three lots of three or four acres each, the extra lots being set aside for the purposes respectively of a parsonage, a meeting-house, and a schoolhouse. The sum of money obtained from the grantees, who each paid five pounds, was used to defray the expenses of the survey and for the erection of a meeting-house. One of the requirements was that each grantee should settle upon his lot within three years from the date of the document making the grant, and should continue to reside there for at least two years. The town record shows that lot No. 16 was reserved for school purposes, lot 47 for a place of public worship, and lot 48 for the minister's residence. Of the others, lot 43 was assigned to John Thompson, from whom Denman Thompson is descended.

The Thompsons have been identified with Swanzey, and taken an active part in the town

government, down to the present generation. In the spring of 1831 Captain Rufus Thompson, who, like his father, was a native of New Hampshire, went West, where he hoped to find a wider and more promising field for an energetic New England farmer. He located in a settlement called Beechwood, about three miles from the site of the present town of Girard, Pa., then occupied by the primitive dwellings of a dozen hardy pioneers like himself, and erected the log cabin beneath whose humble roof his distinguished son was born. After a manful struggle to wrest a farm from the wilderness here, he yielded to a longing for his New England home, and returned to Swanzey in 1847. In his younger days he was a carpenter; and, he being considered a good mechanic, his services were in constant demand by his neighbors. This occupation, as well as that of farming, enabled him to provide his family with the comforts if not the luxuries of life. Indebted to nature for a strong constitution, which derived increased vigor from long-continued outdoor employment, he is still healthy and active, though now past his eightieth birthday.

Denman Thompson's youth was characterized by a love for outdoor sports, and his naturally frank disposition and open-hearted generosity made him a favorite with his rural playmates. He attended Mount Cæsar Seminary for three winter terms, his summers being spent in assisting his father at carpenter work. When seventeen years old, he determined to seek his fortune in Boston. He entered the amusement world as property boy with Tryon's Circus, with which he remained through the ensuing season. In the winter of 1850 he made his first appearance upon any stage at the Howard Athenæum, Boston, as a supernumerary in "Macbeth" during an engagement of Charlotte Cushman. This brought young Thompson into contact with a profession that has dazzled many young men and women, who, expecting to become stars at a stride, were doomed to a bitter disappointment. From Boston young Denman went to New York City, where he was for a time employed as doorkeeper, lecturer, and general factotum in a small art museum on lower Broadway.

Soon tiring of that occupation, he went to Lowell, Mass., and became a clerk in a dry-goods store kept by his uncle, D. D. Baxter. In 1852 he played his first speaking part, that of Osman in "The French Spy," a military drama, at the Lowell Lyceum. From the Spindle City he went to Worcester, Mass., as a full-fledged professional actor, and was soon able to engage for a responsible line of business. After playing with stock companies in Cleveland and other cities, as well as with travelling companies under the management of James Lingard, George Kames, and the late William Henderson, he in 1854 joined the company at the Royal Lyceum Theatre, Toronto, Can., then managed by John Nickinson. There he became a great favorite both in Irish parts and as a dancer. Not taking into account absences necessitated by short engagements elsewhere, he remained in Toronto until 1868. That he rose to be a capable actor is shown by the fact that some of his favorite parts were: Salem Scudder in "The Octo-roon," Myles Na Coppaleen in "The Colleen Bawn," Barney in "Peep O'Day," and Uncle Tom in "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

Early in the seventies the name of Denman Thompson in the rôle of Joshua Whitcomb began to appear upon the play-bills of the higher class vaudeville theatres of the country. In those days it was a mere character sketch, but the people appreciated it and wanted to see more of the quaint old Jackson Democrat. The sketch went through several changes; or, rather, it was expanded from time to time until it blossomed forth into a well-defined drama of New England life. In 1875, while playing at the Coliseum in Chicago, Mr. Thompson became acquainted with J. M. Hill, a native of Maine and an enterprising merchant. This gentleman was so favorably impressed with the future prospects of Joshua Whitecomb as a money winner that he later relinquished his mercantile business to join fortunes with the comedian as manager and partner. This association continued for six years, during which time their relations were of the most amicable nature. There never existed a single written agreement of any

kind between them. "The Old Homestead," which followed "Joshua Whitcomb," and which was written jointly by Mr. Thompson and George W. Ryer, was presented by Mr. Thompson, not alone in long and oft-repeated engagements in large cities, but in every town of the United States possessing a theatre or a hall with stage accommodations. As a result, the impersonator of Joshua Whitecomb is a wealthy man.

While a member of the stock company in Toronto, Mr. Thompson's generous, not to say reckless disposition, caused him to live far in advance of his means; and as a result he was obliged to leave the city considerably in debt. Upon his first visit there as a star, he publicly advertised for all creditors to present their accounts for settlement, although these claims were outlawed. On that occasion he paid the sum of one thousand nine hundred dollars. An incident that caused much merriment at the time is worthy of mention. The comedian had been settling some claims with an air of quiet satisfaction, when a party appeared with a bill for cannons. After a hearty laugh Mr. Thompson remarked: "Well, boys, I may be responsible for many funny purchases in my day; but I'll swear I never bought cannons. No, sir, I am not blood-thirsty enough for that. I draw the line on cannons." Mr. Thompson was married in Toronto, and his three children were born in that city.

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**S**AMUEL D. DOWNES, treasurer of the Francestown Savings Bank of Francestown, Hillsboro County, N.H., his native place, was born on April 25, 1827, son of Edward, Jr., and Mary (Dennis) Downes. He is one of a family of twelve children, eight of whom are now living. His paternal grandparents, Edward and Rhoda (Billings) Downes, had five children, the youngest of whom was his father, Edward Downes, Jr.

At the age of nineteen years Samuel D. Downes, having received his education in the common schools and at the Francestown Academy, went into a general store as clerk. After continuing thus engaged for three years,

he was for two years in partnership with his employer, under the firm name of R. Bradford & Co., and subsequently he was in the same business by himself for one year. He then took a partner, M. G. Starret, the firm name being Starret & Downes. In a short time his brother was admitted into partnership, the firm continuing under the same name; and in 1858 he and his brother bought out Mr. Starret's interest, and went on as the Downes Brothers. No change was made until 1875, when the firm was dissolved; and two years later Mr. Downes became treasurer of the Francestown Savings Bank, in which position he has remained ever since.

Mr. Downes was married March 26, 1851, to Martha T., daughter of Timothy Billings, of South Deerfield, Mass. They have one son, William E. He married Emma F. Tuttle, of Antrim, N.H., who died leaving three children — Nellie E., William D., and Wilbur T.

Mr. Downes has a remarkable business ability, which has won him a high reputation. He represents one of the prominent families of this locality, and personally is an influential and much respected citizen. In politics a Republican, he was Town Clerk for eight years, Postmaster for the same length of time, and was State Representative, 1869-70. He is a Mason, belonging to Pacific Lodge, No. 45, F. & A. M., of Francestown, in which he has been Chaplain for many years. Both he and his wife are members of the Congregational church.

**C**HARLES W. FORSAITH, farmer and lumberman, Representative to the State legislature from Deering, Hillsboro County, N.H., for the present term, 1897-98, was born in this town, September 9, 1862, son of Matthew and Elzira (Wilkins) Forsaith. He belongs to a family that has been identified with public affairs in the town of Deering from its settlement, members of four generations having served as Selectmen, and of three generations having represented it in the legislature.

The first ancestor to settle here was Matthew

Forsaith (first), great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch; and he came from Derry, N.H. Matthew Forsaith, first, cleared and improved the farm that is still the family homestead, and was one of the prominent men of his day. He lived to be eighty-four years old, and accumulated considerable property as the result of his industry and business ability. He served not only as a Selectman and in other town offices, but as one of the earliest Representatives of Deering to the General Court. He married a Miss McClure, and had eight children, David Forsaith, grandfather of Charles W., being the second.

David Forsaith was born in Deering, and spent his active years in tilling the soil of the homestead farm. In politics a supporter of the Democratic party, he rendered long and valuable service to the town as a Selectman. He lived to the age of eighty years, but his wife, Nancy Mills, died at fifty-four. Both were members of the Congregational church. Of their family of twelve children seven are living; namely, Sarah, David, Jr., Matthew, John, Warren, Squires, and Horace. Sarah is the widow of Horace Gove, late of Deering, and her children are: Sarah, Laura, Elzira, and George. David, Jr., married Nancy Burnham, and she died leaving two children — Alonzo and Emma. Squires married Nellie Colby, and has three children — Frank, Nellie, and Belle. Horace married Sophia Gage, and has one child, George.

Matthew Forsaith, Charles W. Forsaith's father, was born at the homestead, April 3, 1826. He began life as a farmer, and later engaged in lumbering, which he has carried on extensively and successfully. Besides the homestead property, which now consists of four hundred acres, he owns a great deal of timber land containing valuable stumps. In politics he acts with the Democratic party. He has for many years been a leading spirit in local public affairs, having served as a Selectman for fifteen years, being at the present time a member of the Board; and he ably represented this town in the legislature for the years 1870 and 1871, and again in 1885 and 1886. His wife, formerly Elzira Wilkins, whom he married in 1850, became the mother

of seven children. Two of these are living, namely: Charles W., the subject of this sketch; and Julia F. Mrs. Forsaith died at the age of forty-four years. She was a member of the Congregational church.

Charles W. Forsaith was reared and educated in Deering, and since leaving school has devoted his time to farming and to lumbering, in which he is interested with his father. He is engaged in various business speculations, in which he has acquired success financially, and he owns some valuable real estate. He also assists the elder Forsaith in managing his affairs and looking after his property. Mr. Charles W. Forsaith is the fourth of the family in direct line to sit upon the Board of Selectmen, having served in that capacity for four terms; and he is at the present time a member of the House of Representatives. As a business man he is alert, judicious, and exceedingly progressive, and the good name so highly prized by his ancestors has in him a safe custodian. He is unmarried. He and his father are active and influential members of Wolfe Hill Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, of Deering.

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**W**ILLIAM FRANCIS FRENCH, a prominent resident and a well-known apothecary and hardware merchant of Milford, was born here, June 21, 1854, son of Francis J. and Betsey (Robinson) French, his father being a native of Milford and his mother of Rhode Island. The French family is one of the oldest in Milford. His grandfather, Josiah, was also born in this town. The father was for many years engaged in the tannery business in the town. He was also a Representative to the State legislature, and in his time was an active and energetic man. He died when William F. was about sixteen years old.

William Francis French was brought up in the town of his birth and received a good education, graduating from the high school at the age of eighteen. He then became a dry-goods clerk in the employment of Marellus J. Gray, a merchant of Milford, with whom he remained for nearly three years. In March, 1875, he

entered the employ of D. S. Burnham, who was in the drug and hardware business, with whom he remained for fourteen years, much of the time being manager of the store. He bought out Mr. Burnham on March 15, 1889, a short time before Mr. Burnham's death, and has been the sole proprietor since. He has been very successful in the business. He is at present a trustee of the Milford Savings Bank, an active member of the Baptist church, and the president of the Milford Free Library. In politics he supports the Republican party.

On September 27, 1883, Mr. French married Josephine M. Stevens, daughter of Samuel Stevens, of Milford. They have three daughters; namely, Ruth D., Katherine S., and Miriam J.

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**D**ARIUS FARWELL, one of the best known dairy farmers of Harrisville and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, February 8, 1809, son of Samuel and Eunice (Stoddard) Farwell. His great-grandfather, Samuel Farwell, who emigrated from England in the seventeenth century, settled in Marblehead, Mass. John Farwell, the grandfather, who was a native of that town, moved his family to Cheshire County, locating among the pioneers. The maiden name of his wife was Sarah Pickett, and his children were: Mary, Samuel, Foster, Sarah, Susannah, Mariam, and Betsey.

Samuel Farwell, who was born in Marblehead, September 27, 1769, and was brought up to farming, profitably followed that occupation during his active years, and died in that part of Nelson which now forms a part of the town of Harrisville, March 12, 1839. He possessed much natural ability, and figured quite conspicuously in local public affairs. His wife, Eunice, who was a daughter of Richard and Rachel (Hill) Stoddard, became the mother of twelve children, born as follows: Lucretia, March 19, 1796; Eunice, August 31, 1797; Silas, May 28, 1799; Samuel, March 13, 1801; Mary, February 19, 1803; Henry, August 6, 1805; John, June 15, 1807; Darius, the subject of this sketch; Sarah,

January 29, 1811; Addison, May 7, 1813; Amanda, May 20, 1815; and Electa, March 1, 1817. Lucretia, who became the wife of Samuel Derby, died May 13, 1863. Eunice, who died February 7, 1871, was the wife of Philip Atwood. Silas, who died September 13, 1877, successively married Priscilla Elliot and Mrs. Minerva Russell. Samuel, who married Lucinda Scripture, died August 29, 1857. Mary, who was the wife of James Adams, died April 17, 1842. Henry, who wedded Maria Lawrence, died August 24, 1885. John, who is residing at Bluff City, Ill., married for his first wife Calista Curless and for his second Julia Blanden. Sarah, who died November 19, 1892, was the wife of Robert Lougee, of Boston. Addison, who wedded Melvina Hayford, died July 18, 1858. Amanda, who never married, died January 11, 1848; and Electa died December 17, 1841.

Darius Farwell was educated in Nelson. For two years after finishing his studies he resided in Malden, Mass. In 1835 he took charge of the home farm, caring for his parents during their declining years. Eventually he succeeded to the ownership of the property. For many years he was an extensive stock-raiser, but of late his farm has been devoted to dairying and general products. He served with ability as Selectman, Treasurer and Collector, Moderator, member of the School Board, and in 1861 and 1862 legislative Representative. In the legislature he served on the Committee on Mileage. He is a member of the Congregational church, and for twenty-five years was connected with the Sunday-school as superintendent and teacher.

In 1836 Mr. Farwell was united in marriage with Mary Bryant, who was born in Nelson, April 12, 1815, daughter of Benjamin and Sally (Barrett) Bryant. Mrs. Farwell has had eight children, namely: Sarah J., born January 8, 1839, who married Wellington Seaver; Corbin C., born February 18, 1841, who married Delia L. Yardley; Cortis S., born February 27, 1843, who died September 25, 1845; Calvin W., born August 29, 1845, who married Ella J. Gilbert, and resides in Keene; Amanda E., born March 16, 1849, who married Reuben A. Dunn, and has three children

— Arthur G., Mary A., and Bessie E. making the fifth generation who have lived on the Farwell homestead; Electa M., born May 16, 1852, who married James E. Ruffle, and resides in Nelson, N.H.; Mary Ada, born October 21, 1854, who died August 9, 1890; and Fred C., born December 18, 1856. Fred C. married for his first wife Genevieve Farmer, who died in 1895. The maiden name of his present wife was Lena Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Farwell fittingly observed, in 1886, the golden anniversary of their wedding; and the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary received the marked attention due to such an unusual event. Their daughters were all school teachers previous to marriage, and four of their grandchildren are now engaged in that calling.

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**R**IICHARD B. HILLMAN, one of the leading business men of Pelham, Hillsboro County, was born in Rockland, Me., June 19, 1835, son of Whitten and Harriet (Barnard) Hillman. His father was a native of Farmington, Me., who at an early age adopted a seafaring life, and subsequently became a ship-master. He died at the age of sixty-two years. Mrs. Harriet B. Hillman, who was a native of East Thomaston, Me., now known as Rockland, became the mother of two children: Mary F., who resides in this town; and Richard B. She lived to be eighty-one years old.

Richard B. Hillman was educated in the common schools of Rockland, and after finishing his studies he followed the sea for about five years. He then learned the carpenter's trade, and in 1861 settled in Pelham, where he has since resided. For fifteen years he did a large lumber business, and for many years he has carried on business successfully as a carpenter, besides operating a cider-mill. He also makes and repairs heavy carriages. He is a leading spirit in local affairs, and has served with ability in various town offices. For several years he has been a member of the Board of Selectmen, of which he was chairman one term, and in 1885 he represented Pelham in the legislature. In politics he is a Republican.

In January, 1856, Mr. Hillman was united in marriage with Julia Augusta Spear, who was born in Rockland, September 6, 1832. She is the mother of two children: Frank H., born in Pelham, August 4, 1859; and Helen Gertrude. Frank H. Hillman, who is associated with his father in business, is one of the stirring and wide-awake business men of Pelham. He is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to the encampment, and belongs to the Pilgrim Fathers, the Patrons of Husbandry, and the Ancient York Lodge, F. & A. M., of Lowell, Mass. On August 18, 1886, he married Alice M. Greeley, of this town, and they have four children — Blanche N., Carl R., Mary S., and Fred H. Helen Gertrude Hillman married Henry M. Currier, of Pelham, and has one son, Richard H.

Mr. Richard B. Hillman is well advanced in Masonry, being a member of Ancient York Lodge, F. & A. M., of Lowell, and the chapter, R. A. M.; Ahasuerus Council and Pilgrim Commandery, K. T. He is also a member of Merrimac Lodge, I. O. O. F., the Patrons of Husbandry, and the Pilgrim Fathers. He and Mrs. Hillman attend the Congregational church.

**B**ROOKS MILES HEALD, one of the best known residents of Temple, Hillsboro County, and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born upon the farm he now occupies, March 23, 1833, son of James and Maria (Davis) Heald. The family is one of the oldest in the town, the Heald farm having been cleared from the wilderness by Deacon Peter Heald, a native of Townsend, Mass., who was one of the first settlers here, and is said to have erected the first farm buildings in Temple. By his union with his first wife, Sarah, he had two children; and by his second wife, Rebecca Russell, he had six children.

Peter Heald, Jr., son of Deacon Heald, and great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was the first white male child born in Temple. He occupied the farm which his father had improved, and, marrying, reared a family of

ten children, one of them being a son James, the next in this line.

James Heald, grandfather of Brooks M., succeeded to the possession of the old homestead, and, cultivating the soil, managed the property until his death. He married Sarah Walker, and had a family of seven children, none of whom are now living. He died when but thirty-seven years of age, survived by his wife, who lived to be eighty-six. She was a member of the Congregational church.

James Heald, the second of the name, Mr. Brooks M. Heald's father, was born March 6, 1799. Inheriting the homestead, as a general farmer he was quite successful, and during his occupancy he added one hundred acres to the estate. He was a man of excellent judgment and practical ideas, and stood high in the estimation of the community. In politics he was in his later years a Republican. His wife, Maria Davis, whom he wedded May 12, 1825, was a daughter of Jonas Davis, of Temple. She became the mother of seven children, four of whom are living, namely: James D., born June 8, 1830; Brooks M., the subject of this sketch; Elmina S., born February 16, 1839; and Ellen F., born April 3, 1843. James D. Heald married Augusta Wolcott. Ellen F. is the wife of Roswell E. Bliss, of Belding, Mich., and has one daughter, Bertha M. James Heald, the father, died February 1, 1875, his wife having died September 9, 1857. They were Adventists in their religious views.

Brooks Miles Heald was graduated at the Westfield (Mass.) Normal School in 1862. In 1864 he enlisted as a volunteer in the Lyndeboro Heavy Artillery, and was stationed for some time in Portsmouth. In his young manhood he taught seventeen terms of school in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, but since the death of his father he has devoted his time to general farming at the homestead. He owns in all about two hundred and fifty acres of land, and he represents the fifth generation of the family to occupy the homestead. He is a Republican in politics, and his public services have been of a nature to commend him to the respect and esteem of his fellow-towns-men. He was a member of the School Board

for some time, was a Selectman five years, and in 1883 represented this town in the legislature.

On June 4, 1884, Mr. Heald was united in marriage with Lelia Rockwood, daughter of Alanson P. and Maria (Fiske) Rockwood, of Upton, Mass. He is a charter member and was for some years secretary of the Miller Grange in Temple. Mr. and Mrs. Heald are members of the Seventh Day Advent church.

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**S**AMUEL DANA BEMIS, one of the best known residents of Harrisville and an ex-member of the legislature was born in this town, February 8, 1833, son of Thomas and Anna (Knight) Bemis. James Bemis, the father of Thomas and a native of Weston, Mass., when a young man settled in Cheshire County. He enlisted in Marlboro, N.H., for service in the Revolutionary War, and his last days were spent upon a farm in this town. He married Lois Walker, and his children were: Thomas, Hannah, Josiah, Eli, Mercey, and James.

Thomas Bemis, who was born in Marlboro, May 7, 1793, successfully followed general farming during the active period of his life, and died October 6, 1878. He was a member of the Baptist church. His wife, Anna, who was a native of Sudbury, Mass., became the mother of four children: namely, Elbridge G., George W., Elizabeth J., and Samuel D. Elbridge G. Bemis was a successful woodenware manufacturer in Harrisville for some years, and afterward resided in Richmond. At one time he was a Selectman of this town, and he served in the same capacity and in other town offices in Richmond, and was elected a Representative to the legislature. He married Lavina Symonds, of Rindge, N.H., and one child survives. George W. Bemis, who was also in the woodenware business, wedded Mary Smith, of Harrisville, and had a family of six children. Elizabeth J. married Sylvester T. Symonds, of Rindge.

Samuel Dana Bemis was educated in Westminster, Vt., and in Hancock, N.H. For some years he was engaged with his brothers in manufacturing woodenware. After relin-

quishing the business he bought a farm, which he has since cultivated. He also undertakes the settlement of estates, and has devoted much time to public affairs. He served as a Selectman for twenty years, acting as chairman of the Board for the greater part of the time. He was a member of the School Board for nine years, County Auditor for eight years, a member of the House of Representatives in 1872, a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1876, and he now serves as Moderator at town meetings. For many years he has been identified with all matters of public importance, and he is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry.

Mr. Bemis married Calista M. Russell. She was born in Harrisville, June 23, 1841, daughter of James L. Russell. Their only child is Bernard F., born December 28, 1868. Bernard F. Bemis completed his education at the Cushing Academy, Ashburnham, Mass., and is now a valuable assistant to his father. He has been a Selectman for the past three years. He married Sadie B. Starkey, who was born in Peterboro, N.H., March 6, 1872.

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**J**OHN F. BALL, one of the leading farmers of Temple, Hillsboro County, was born on the homestead where he now resides, July 12, 1821, son of John and Bridget (Parkhurst) Ball. His grandfather, James Ball, was a lifelong resident of Temple, and followed the useful occupation of farming, dying at the age of fifty-seven years. He was a man of upright principles and considerable force of character, and was a Deacon of the Congregational church. His six children all lived to maturity, but all are now deceased. John, father of the subject of this sketch, was the only son.

John Ball was born in Temple, and at an early age he began to acquire a knowledge of agriculture. His life was chiefly devoted to farming, in which occupation he was fairly successful. He was active in local public affairs, and served as Town Treasurer for a number of years. When a young man he united with the Congregational church. He died at the age of seventy-eight years. His

wife, Bridget Parkhurst Ball, whom he married December 4, 1803, was a native of Sharon, N.H., and she became the mother of eight children, of whom two are living, namely: Joel; and John F., the subject of this sketch. Joel Ball married Adeline Searle, of Temple, who died leaving one daughter, Mary. Mrs. John Ball lived to be eighty-three years old.

John F. Ball acquired a common-school education, and when young began to assist his father in carrying on the farm. He succeeded to the ownership of the property, which contains one hundred and fifty acres of excellent tillage land, and his crops are usually bountiful and of a superior quality. His many commendable traits of character have gained for him the respect of his neighbors, and he has the reputation of being one of the most capable farmers of the town of Temple. Mr. Ball is unmarried. Politically, he acts with the Republican party, and in his religious opinions is a Congregationalist.

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**W**ILLIAM FRANK WINN, a prosperous farmer of Hudson, Hillsboro County, was born in this town, March 24, 1839, son of Abiathar and Mary (Harris) Winn. His grandfather, Reuben Winn, was also a native of Hudson, and followed the carpenter's trade here in connection with farming. He lived to be fifty-six years old.

Abiathar Winn, father of William F., was born in Hudson in January, 1800. He was a lifelong resident of this town, and followed the clothier's trade for some years, subsequently engaging in agriculture. He was a Democrat, politically. His wife, Mary Harris Winn, who was a native of Beverly, Mass., became the mother of six children, all of whom grew to maturity, and three of whom are now living, namely: Harriet M.; William F., the subject of this sketch; and Willis O. The others were: Willard O., who died very suddenly of heart-disease, July 5, 1897; Mary J.; and Jackson A. Abiathar Winn lived to be sixty-seven years old, his wife dying at the age of sixty. They were Bap-

tists in religious opinions, but attended the Methodist Episcopal church.

William Frank Winn was reared and educated in Hudson, and the greater part of his life has been passed upon the farm he now cultivates. His homestead property consists of eighty acres of excellent tillage land, which he devotes to general farming, and he also owns other real estate.

On December 23, 1862, Mr. Winn was joined in marriage with Lucy M. Richardson. Mrs. Winn was born in Woburn, Mass., June 29, 1842, a daughter of Elijah and Lorania Richardson, neither of whom is living. She is the mother of five children—Fred E., Emma B., Jennie C., Susie M., and Leon E.

Mr. Winn has served as a member of the Board of Selectmen four terms, and he ably represented this town in the legislature in 1885. Politically, he supports the Republican party. He is connected with the Order of the Golden Cross and with the Patrons of Husbandry. He is a stirring and progressive farmer, and is still actively engaged in attending to his every-day duties. Both he and his wife are members of the Congregational church.

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**J**OHN A. BALCH, Town Clerk of Antrim, Hillsboro County, was born in this town, February 28, 1860, son of James T. and Lois (Robbins) Balch. His grandfather, Varion Balch, a prosperous farmer of Francestown, N.H., married Mary Thompson, and they reared six children, of whom James T. was the third-born. Of these the only survivor is William, who married first Sarah A. Hoyt and second Hannah Worcester, and resides in Nashua, N.H.

James T. Balch, father of John A., was born in Francestown, March 16, 1817. In early life he followed farming, and later worked in a shovel factory in Antrim. He finally entered the employ of the Goodell Company, and was second hand in their factory for a number of years. In his later years an ardent Republican, he helped to organize the Republican party in Antrim, and held several positions of trust in that town, including

that of Highway Surveyor. He died January 28, 1888. His wife, Lois Robbins Balch, who was a daughter of Josiah Robbins, of Antrim, became the mother of four children, three of whom are living; namely, Charles F., William A., and John A. She died February 11, 1892. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

John A. Balch acquired his education in the schools of Antrim. For eight years he was employed in a printing office, and during the succeeding four years he worked for the Goodell Company. In 1890 he purchased a boot, shoe, and variety store, which he carried on until 1897, and then sold out. Politically, he is a Republican. He has been Town Clerk since 1893, and has also served capably in other offices.

On July 3, 1882, Mr. Balch was united in marriage with Miss Lena L. Tenney, daughter of Milton Tenney, of Antrim. Mrs. Balch is the mother of three children, as follows: Ivon A., born January 12, 1884; Ina L., born May 28, 1885; and Alfred T., born April 4, 1888.

Mr. Balch is connected with Waverly Lodge, No. 59, I. O. O. F., of Antrim, and is sitting as Vice-Grand at the present time.

**F**RANK C. FARWELL, a rising young business man of Harrisville, was born in this town, January 9, 1863, son of Charles and Hannah J. (Knowles) Farwell. The grandfather, Samuel Farwell, who was engaged in milling and teaming in Harrisville, married Luceinda Scripture, and became the father of eight children. These were: Henry, Caroline, Mary, Josephine, Charles, Augusta, John, and Francis.

Charles Farwell was born in Nelson, N.H., January 12, 1837. After finishing his studies at the Jaffrey High School, he learned wood-turning, and in company with his brother Henry engaged in the manufacture of wooden novelties, such as clothes-pins, pill bottles, chair and door knobs, and chair rounds, and is still carrying on a flourishing business. He served as a Selectman for several terms, and was a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives in 1891. He is connected

with the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife, Hannah, who was born in Sharon, N.H., May 30, 1835, has been the mother of four sons, two of whom are living. These are: Frank C., the subject of this sketch; and Lewis, born in November, 1871. Arthur H. died at the age of two, and William died at the age of eight years. Lewis Farwell, who is now the railroad station agent at East Harrisville, married Lena M. Hill. She was born in Newton, Mass., daughter of David V. Hill, now of Somerville.

Frank C. Farwell received his general education in the common schools. After leaving the Harrisville High School, he pursued a commercial course at Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Afterward he was in the employ of the Boston & Maine Railroad Company for three or four years. He is now engaged in business with his father. For two years he was a police officer. At the present time he is a member of the Board of Selectmen. He is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and attends the Congregational church.

Mr. Farwell married C. Lillian Hill, who was born in Newton, Mass., daughter of David V. Hill. Mrs. Farwell has had five children, as follows: Lester, born in March, 1890, who died at the age of three months; Florence, born May 15, 1891; Ethel, born June 29, 1893; Harold, born in 1895, who died April 3, 1897; and Alta, born June 20, 1897.

**J**OHN WILSON, who owns one of the most productive farms in Pelham, Hillsboro County, was born in this town, June 25, 1829, son of David and Sarah (Young) Wilson. His grandfather, also named David Wilson, was an early settler in Pelham, and followed farming here for the rest of his life. He died at a good old age.

David Wilson, father of John, was born in Pelham, and followed his father's occupation, tilling the soil energetically and with prosperous results until his death, which occurred

when he was fifty years old. His wife, Sarah, who was a native of Pelham, became the mother of seven children, three of whom are living, namely: Mrs. Sarah Wilson, a widow, who resides in Pelham; Mrs. Martha Gardner, of Salem, N.H.; and John, the subject of this sketch. The others were: David, Aaron, Allen, and Polly. The mother lived to be eighty-six years old.

John Wilson was educated in the schools of his native town. He worked at the carpenter's trade in Methuen, Mass., for some time, and then followed the trade of a baker in Lawrence for five years. Subsequently buying a piece of land in Atkinson, N.H., he resided there for thirteen years, and he then moved to his present farm in Pelham. He owns one hundred acres of well-located land, the commodious and substantial buildings on which were erected by him. As a general farmer he has been very successful, and his crops are usually large and of a superior quality.

In 1849 Mr. Wilson was united in marriage with Jane H. Butler, of Pelham, and they have one son, Alton, born July 13, 1854.

Politically, Mr. Wilson supports the Republican party, and while residing in Atkinson he served upon the Board of Selectmen. His character is of a nature to command the respect of his neighbors and fellow-townersmen, and he is regarded as one of the representative men of Pelham. His son, Alton Wilson, who is unmarried, resides on the homestead, and renders valuable assistance in carrying on the farm. He belongs to the Patrons of Husbandry.



**J**OSEPH A. HALL, one of the most prominent business men of Brookline and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, October 18, 1828, son of Joseph and Abiah (Shattuck) Hall. The great-grandfather, William Hall (first), who came from Massachusetts, was among the early settlers of the town. He was the father of seven children, of whom William Hall (second) was the eldest. Grandfather Hall was one of the able farmers

of his day, and was prominent in political and religious affairs. Of his twelve children two are living, namely: Elizabeth F., born October 6, 1813; and Pliny J., born October 8, 1818. Elizabeth F. is now the widow of Jeremiah Baldwin, late of Hancock, N.H., and has one daughter living, Lizzie J. Baldwin. Pliny J. is the widow of Henry K. Kemp, and has two sons — Henry W. and William.

Joseph Hall was born in Brookline, March 12, 1795. He learned the cooper's trade, but his principal occupation was farming, which he followed industriously and with success on the family homestead. In politics he was a Republican. His activity in local affairs extended over a long period, during which he served as a Selectman and in other town offices. His wife, Abiah, who was a daughter of Jonathan Shattuck, of Pepperell, Mass., became the mother of six children, of whom Joseph A., Catherine E., and Charles P. are living. Catherine E. married for her first husband John A. Gutterson, of Milford, who was the father of her son, Henry A. She is now the wife of Joseph A. Hovey, and has two children — George M. and Martha E. Mr. Hovey died July 6, 1897. Charles P. Hall married Anna Green, of Brookline, and has one son, Frank D. Joseph Hall lived to be eighty-seven years old, and his wife died at seventy-seven. They were both members of the Congregational church, of which he was the sexton for many years.

Joseph A. Hall was educated in the schools of this town. At first he engaged in the butchering business, which he followed steadily for seven years. Then he turned his attention to other pursuits, still continuing to carry on the former business to some extent. For eighteen years he was a member of the firm of J. A. Hall & Brother, but he is now carrying on the business alone. Beginning about thirty years ago, he has been profitably engaged in manufacturing barrels and handling all kinds of building material. He owns about two thousand acres of land in Hillsboro and the adjoining counties. In politics he is a Republican; and, besides serving the town in some of its important offices, he represented it

with marked ability in the legislature during the years 1867 and 1868.

On July 1, 1851, Mr. Hall was joined in marriage with Mada M. Foster, daughter of Abel Foster, of Brookline. Of his four children three are living, namely: Henry A., born August 21, 1857; Alpha A., born April 11, 1859; and Winnie M., born April 20, 1861. Henry A. married Belle C. Hobart, of Brookline, and has one daughter, Blanche W. Winnie M. is the wife of Horace H. Nye, of Keene, and has two children—Ralph H. and Mada. Alpha A. Hall was elected Town Clerk at the age of twenty-two years, and served three terms. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen for three years, and in 1895 he was again elected Town Clerk, in which office he is now ably serving the community. In 1894 he was elected a member of the legislature for two years. He is widely and favorably known as a business man and as Justice of the Peace. He married for his first wife Nellie Fletcher, of Hollis, N.H. The maiden name of his present wife, who is a native of this town, was Della R. Peacock. They have three children—Fred A., Harry M., and Forace R. Mr. Joseph A. Hall is connected with the Order of the Golden Cross and with the grange in Brookline. He is an active member of the Congregational church. Besides serving the church as sexton, a position so long occupied by his father, he has been the superintendent of the Sunday-school for the past twelve years, in the course of which he has been absent but four Sundays.

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**W**ARREN PRATT, a respected resident of New Ipswich, born November 17, 1820, is a native of Fitzwilliam, N.H., and a son of Reuben and Ruth H. (Stone) Pratt. The great-grandfather, Reuben Pratt, who was one of the pioneer settlers of Fitzwilliam, went there from Westboro, Mass., in 1768, and cleared a tract of land in order to found a home for himself and his family. He had nine children, of whom Joseph, the grandfather of Warren Pratt, was the eldest. Joseph Pratt, who was born August 19, 1769, in Fitzwilliam, followed the

occupation of farmer. He married Sarah Hunt, and became the father of seven children, none of whom are now living.

Reuben Pratt, the eldest son of Joseph Pratt, born in Fitzwilliam, September 22, 1793, was also a farmer. He died at the age of fifty-nine years, and his wife at the age of sixty-seven years. Both were members of the Unitarian church. Of their five children Warren and Elizabeth are living. Elizabeth is the widow of James M. Ingalls, and has one child, Sarah E. Reuben Pratt was a Whig. For a number of terms he was Selectman of his town. A very progressive man, he succeeded well in business.

Warren Pratt was sent to school when a lad. Afterward he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he worked at for a short time. Later he was in the jewelry business for about seven years. In 1854 he came to New Ipswich. Here, on account of failing eyesight, he had to give up his jewelry business. Beginning in 1861, he ran a saw-mill, and manufactured cigar boxes for about twenty-four years. The first of his two marriages was contracted with Susan C. Bayard, of Fitzwilliam. Of her four children by him William H., born June 27, 1853, is living. She was a member of the Baptist church, and she died at the age of thirty-one years. His second marriage was made with Seraph E. Miles, of Royalston, Mass., who died August 12, 1887. Mr. Pratt is a prominent Republican in this locality. He was sent to the State legislature in 1885 and 1887. An esteemed member of the Masonic order, he belongs to Bethel Lodge, No. 24, New Ipswich, of which he was Master for six years in succession.

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**E**NGRY EDGAR MESSENGER, a thriving farmer of Stoddard and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in this town, September 27, 1845, son of Silas and Alvilla R. (Copeland) Messenger. The father, who was born in Stoddard in 1805, learned the carpenter's trade when a young man, and afterward followed it until his death, which occurred in 1873. He left a good farm to his sons, and the reputation

of a skilful and reliable mechanic and a worthy member of the community. In his religious belief he was a Universalist. His wife, Arvilla, who was born in 1809, became the mother of nine children; namely, Mary A., Alma L., Erskine S., Addison C., Edson W., Henry E., Alice, George, and Helen A.

After leaving school, Henry Edgar Messenger was employed in a mill for two years. He then learned the barber's trade in Manchester, N.H. Subsequently he enlisted in the Second Regiment, United States regular army. Later he re-enlisted in the Eighteenth New Hampshire Volunteers, and served for two years and eight months in the Civil War. He participated in the battles of the Wilderness, Five Forks, Petersburg, and Appomattox, was wounded three times, and now receives a pension. After his discharge from the army he resumed his trade, which he followed in various places until about five years ago, when he bought a farm in Stoddard, where he has since resided. In politics he is a Republican. He has served as Selectman and Town Clerk, and last year he was a candidate for the legislature. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, and he attends religious service at the Congregational church.

Mr. Messenger married Savona Stevens, who was born in February, 1845, daughter of John Stevens, of Stoddard. Mrs. Messenger is the mother of four children: Fred S., born in Stoddard; Mary L., born in Conway, Mass.; and Daisy S. and Edna L., born in Athol, Mass. Fred S., who is a barber in Athol, is married and has one child. Mary L. married T. Newey, of Athol, and has four children. Daisy S. resides in Athol; and Edna L. is living with her parents in Stoddard.

**E**LLIOT WEBSTER BAKER, who conducts a successful fire and life insurance agency in Antrim, was born in Jaffrey, N.H., September 1, 1846, son of Asa and Hannah (Moore) Baker. Asa's father, Bezaleel Baker, who was a native of Westminster, Mass., settled in Marlboro, N.H., at the age of twenty-one. There Bez-

leel cleared a farm, and spent the rest of his active life occupied in farming and shoemaking. A sturdy and industrious pioneer and an earnest advocate of temperance, he lived to a good old age. His wife, whose maiden name was Abigail Woods, bore him eight children.

Asa Baker, who was a native of Marlboro, spent his earlier years upon the homestead farm. About the year 1837 he moved to Jaffrey, where he purchased a farm, and thereafter was prosperously engaged in agriculture until his death, which occurred when he was sixty-six years old. He was one of the able and thrifty farmers of Jaffrey in his day, and left a good estate. In politics he was a Republican, and he served with ability as a member of the Board of Selectmen. Hannah Moore Baker, his wife, who was a daughter of John and Hannah (Fitch) Moore, of Sharon, N.H., became the mother of four children, of whom there are living: Sumner A., who wedded Myra Coombs, of Winchester, N.H.; Edwin C., who married Julia Paul, of Swanzey, N.H.; and Elliot W., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Asa Baker died at the age of forty-eight years. She was a member of the Congregational church.

Elliot Webster Baker attended school in his native town. When a young man he went to Antrim, where he was employed by the Goodell Company for twelve years. In 1872 he engaged in the fire and life insurance business, and has since represented the New Hampshire Fire Insurance Company. He is also agent for several other well-known companies, including the Mutual Life of New York City. From 1889 to 1894 he was Postmaster, and he has acted as a Justice of the Peace and Notary Public for many years. He is a firm supporter of the Republican party, and is actively interested in local affairs.

On February 10, 1878, Mr. Baker was united in marriage with Julia V. McCoy, of Peterboro, N.H. They have two children: Albert A., born August 15, 1885; and Loren T., born August 18, 1889. An enterprising and progressive business man, and possessing many commendable qualities, Mr. Baker is held in high regard. He is connected with

the Order of the Golden Cross at Hillsboro Bridge, and both he and Mrs. Baker are members of the Baptist church.

**T**HOMAS JONES, a general farmer of Amherst, belongs to a very numerous section of English-speaking people. A standard authority, referring to the early inhabitants of New England who bore the name of Jones, says: "Once the Welsh alone enjoyed it, but it has gone abroad upon all the winds." The subject of this biography comes of an old New England family. His earliest ancestor in this district was Nathan Jones, who married Elizabeth Coburn in Dracut, Mass., in October, 1743, and removed to Amherst (now Mont Vernon) in 1760. Nathan's son Peter, born in Amherst, June 16, 1767, married Betsey Woodbury, June 5, 1787. She was a daughter of Peter Woodbury and Mrs. Elizabeth Dodge Ray, and an aunt of Judge Levi Woodbury. Peter Woodbury, who in his early years was for some time engaged in seafaring, came to Amherst (now Mont Vernon) in 1773. That he enjoyed the confidence of his townsmen is evidenced by the public offices intrusted to him. He was Selectman for several years, Representative to the General Court in 1776-77, and a member of the convention that framed the first Constitution of New Hampshire. Among the names appended to a declaration of association to resist with arms the encroachments of English Parliament, started in Amherst, April 10, 1776, and sent through the State for signature, the Revolution then being imminent, that of Peter Woodbury was the fifth. For thirty-eight years Peter Jones and his wife, Betsey, lived on the Jones homestead, two miles above Amherst village, removing to Amherst in the spring of 1825.

Colonel Levi Jones, son of Peter, was born in Mont Vernon, January 9, 1790. He was prominent in military affairs, holding the rank of Colonel of the militia, and the broad fields in front of the old home were the scene of many a drill. In politics he was a Democrat, but a strong anti-slavery man. On June

11, 1815, he was married to Sophia, daughter of Thomas and Tabitha (Wilkins) Gilmore, a lady of rare worth and great strength of character. Ardent patriotism characterized her family. Her father died in the service of his country at Burlington, Vt., in 1814; while both her grandfathers were Captains in the Revolution, and fought in the battle of Bunker Hill. Captain James Gilmore returned to his home after independence had been won, and lived to a good age; but her maternal grandfather, Captain Daniel Wilkins, who was in Colonel Bedel's regiment, which surrendered to the British and Indians at the "Cedars" in May, 1776, died at Crown Point in the following July. The maternal great-grandfather of Mrs. Sophia Jones, the Rev. Daniel Wilkins, was the first minister of Amherst in the days when the office was no sinecure. It is said that but for his wise counsels Souhegan West would have ceased to be. He found a true helpmeet in his wife, who was Sarah Fuller, of Middleton, Mass., a kinswoman of Margaret Fuller Ossoli and an aunt of General Rufus Putnam, the pioneer settler of Marietta, Ohio. Of the twelve children born to Colonel Levi and Sophia (Gilmore) Jones, three are now living, namely: Thomas, the subject of this sketch; Harriet Newell, the widow of Dr. William E. Rogers, late of Ashland, Mass.; and Margaret Jane Waldron, the widow of Daniel R. Brandt, late of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Thomas Jones, the only living son of Colonel Jones, was born in Amherst, February 3, 1826. He grew to manhood on the farm where he now lives, receiving his education in the public schools of the town. At nineteen years of age he went to Lowell, Mass., and entered the employ of the Lawrence Corporation, large cotton manufacturers, and worked in their mills for nearly four years. His eldest brother, Peter Woodbury Jones, who was a railroad contractor, induced Thomas to leave Lowell and join him at Ithaca, N.Y., where he was employed on the construction work of the Ithaca & Oswego Railroad. From there he went to Pennsylvania, and was employed by Peter as superintendent of construction on a road between Great

Bend and Scranton, and then on one between Scranton and Delaware Water Gap—divisions of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad. Subsequently for a time he held the position of paymaster of the Southern Division of this railroad, after which he took a contract for laying the rails on the Warren Railroad, from Delaware River to New Hampton. Upon the completion of this he returned to the old homestead in Amherst, where he has since resided. Here, besides carrying on general farming, he has given special attention to breeding and raising Hambletonian and Clay horses, in which occupation he has been very successful.

In politics Mr. Jones has always been a Republican. He served the town for four years as Selectman, and for two terms was its Representative to the New Hampshire legislature. A conservative gentleman of the highest integrity, he has the respect of his fellow-citizens to a marked degree. He takes an active interest in everything calculated to promote the welfare of his native town.

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**E**DWIN D. STEVENS, M.D., a physician of Francestown, was born in Montgomery, Mass., son of the Rev. Nathaniel F. and Mary E. (Dearborn) Stevens. The grandfather, Augustus N. F. Stevens, a native of Hartland, Vt., was there engaged as a school teacher in early life. When he married he went to Northfield, Vt., where he cleared land, and established his new home. He was a successful school teacher for many years. The latter years of his life were spent on the old homestead at Hartland, Vt., where he died in 1894, at the age of ninety-three. He married Sarah Dodge, and they had nine children, of whom Mariette, Andrew J., and Samuel are living.

Nathaniel F. Stevens was born in Northfield, Vt. He received his education in the seminary at Newbury, Vt., and at the Boston University, from which he duly graduated. He then studied in the Theological School, and was first settled as a Methodist clergyman in Hudson, Mass. He continued preaching throughout the remainder of his

life. He married Mary E. Dearborn, daughter of Edwin Dearborn, of Pembroke, N.H. They had four children—Alice M., Edwin D., Eugene F., and Olin W. The Rev. Nathaniel Stevens died at the age of forty-nine years. His wife resides with her son in Francestown.

Edwin D. Stevens, the subject of this sketch, was a student at the Powers Institute at Bernardston, Mass., and later of the Montpelier Seminary. He continued at the Boston University, graduating from the medical school in June, 1895. In December, 1895, he settled in Francestown, N.H., where he entered upon his profession. Dr. Stevens is unmarried.

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**J**ASPER HALL, born December 4, 1823, son of Camillus and Betsey (Britton) Hall, is well known in Cheshire County as one of the well-to-do farmers of Westmoreland, his native town. He owns and occupies the farm on which his maternal grandfather, Seth Britton, who was one of the original grantees of Westmoreland, settled in 1772.

There were four other emigrants bearing the name of Britton who came at that time, one being William. Another fought in the Revolution, and died in service; and two were girls, one of whom married a Leach, and the other, a sister of Seth, married Mr. Woodward, and lived on an adjoining farm. Seth Britton married first Miss Bailey, who died after a short wedded life, leaving one child, Hulda, who married Amasa Chaffin. His second wife was a widow, Mrs. Ranstead, by whom he had three children, namely: Nellie, who married a Robbins; Hannah, who married Seth Hall; and Betsey, who married Camillus Hall. Seth Britton bore the title of Colonel, and was prominent in military matters in the town. A part of the homestead was inherited by Mrs. Betsey B. Hall, and she bought the rest of the farm from the other heirs.

Camillus Hall was a carpenter by trade and a captain in the militia. By his wife, Betsey, he had twelve children, as follows:





WILLIAM AMES.

Camillus, Huldah, Adeline, Harriett, Osmon, Gordon, Jasper, Didana, Amasa, Corren, Emma, and Manford. Amasa, Didana, and Manford died young; Harriett married Alfred Nash, and died comparatively early in life; Camillus married Alice Clough; Huldah married Stephen Barnes, of New York; Adeline married Clark Phillip, of Greenbush, N.Y.; Osmon married Harriet Britton; Gordon married Susan Patten; Didana died young; Corren married Rose Miller; Emma married Frank Stewart, of New York.

Jasper Hall has spent his life upon the farm of his ancestors. Since his marriage he has taken entire charge of the farm, which consisted originally of one hundred acres, and now contains three hundred and fifty acres. Besides extensively carrying on general farming, Mr. Hall in his most vigorous and active period was during winters engaged in lumbering, often in a single season hauling from eight hundred to nine hundred cords of wood to the railroad for transportation. Formerly a strong Whig and an old admirer of Horace Greeley, he was zealous in the cause of Know Nothingism in its day, and is now an ardent Republican. He has always worked more for his party than for his own advancement, but has held many minor offices in the town, and has been Selectman for four years. He has been many times a delegate to various conventions. He never has believed in secret orders.

At the age of twenty-seven years Mr. Hall married Susan Poland, daughter of Nathaniel and Lucinda (Wilson) Poland. Mrs. Hall's paternal grandfather was Benjamin Poland, who came from Massachusetts and settled in Langdon, N.H., where he was a prominent Democrat. He lived to the age of eighty-three. His wife, Sarah Kimball, was a daughter of Colonel George Kimball. Their children were: Nathaniel, the father of Susan; Anna, who married Edmund Holden; Willard, who died early in life; Horace, who married Martha Clapp, of Chester; and Susan, who died young. Nathaniel Poland was born in Aeworth, N.H., but in his boyhood removed to Langdon. He married Lucinda, the daughter of Joseph and Janette

(Pinkerton) Wilson. Joseph Wilson was a farmer of Aeworth, and had children as follows: Melintha, who married Zenus Slader; Lucinda; Betsey, who married David Morrison; Norman, who married Caroline Dickey; Gardner, who married Martha Fay; and James, who went to Michigan, and died there. After his marriage Nathaniel Poland returned to Aeworth, where he died at the age of thirty-three, leaving three daughters: Sarah Ann, who died at the age of fifteen; Lucretia J., who married Emory Britton, of Westmoreland, and had seven children; and Susan, who became the wife of Jasper Hall, as mentioned above.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall have three sons — Herbert, Victor, and Clinton. Herbert Hall is the foreman of the electric car station in Cambridgeport, Mass. He married Laura Wilbur. Victor also is employed in Cambridge by the Street Railway Company. Clinton resides at the family homestead, and now carries on his father's farm. He is a prominent member of the grange, has been its secretary, and has served on different committees. He is also chairman of the Board of Selectmen. He has dealt largely in the past in horses, buying horses that had been over-worked in the street car service, feeding them, and selling again. He now makes a specialty of new milk, and deals largely in cows.



WILLIAM AMES, agent of the Phoenix and Union Manufacturing Companies of Peterboro, was born November 3, 1827, a native of Haverhill, N.H., and a son of William Ames. William Ames, first, died previous to the birth of his son and namesake; and the mother survived but a short time after the latter event.

The subject of this sketch was thus left in infancy to the care of others, and as soon as he was able he was obliged to contribute to his own support. He first worked in the logging camps of the upper Connecticut River, where he was employed three years. Going thence to Boston, he removed after a short sojourn there to Canton, Mass., where he found work in the carding-room of a cotton-mill. Two

years later he went to Newburyport, Mass., where he was employed as a spinner for twelve years. Subsequently he was similarly employed for a short time in a mill in Gloucester, N.J., still later becoming the agent of a factory in Philadelphia. He remained in the Quaker City thus employed for sixteen years, and in 1880 came to Peterboro to accept a similar position with the Phenix Manufacturing Company. He was later appointed agent of the Union Manufacturing Company of West Peterboro, and is at the present time the representative of both concerns. He occupies a position of high standing among the business men of this town, is a director of the Peterboro National Bank, and as a result of his ability is well-to-do.

Mr. Ames married for his first wife Annie A. Adams, of Gilmanton, N.H. She died in 1878, aged forty-eight years, leaving one daughter—Emma, who married William Knowles, of Philadelphia. Mr. Ames married second Mary L. Flint, of Roxbury, Vt. One son, Francis W., was the result of this union.

In politics Mr. Ames is a Republican, and though he takes an active interest in public affairs and the general welfare of the community, he has never aspired to public office. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and holds liberal opinions upon religious subjects.

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**C**YRUS FRANKLIN BURGE, a prominent citizen and local historian of the town of Hollis, N.H., is the eldest son of the late Cyrus and Joanna (Cummings) Burge. Both Mr. Burge's father and paternal grandfather were born on the homestead where he now lives, and where he himself was born. Mr. Burge's great-great-grandparents on his father's side were Josiah and Susan (Jaqith) Burge.

Their son Ephraim was born in 1738 in Westford, Mass., whence he came to Hollis in 1760, and bought the Burge farm. He was an enterprising farmer and a strictly orthodox Congregationalist of the old school. Ephraim Burge served in the Revolutionary War, and was Second Sergeant in Captain Daniel Emerson, Jr.'s, company, which marched to aid in

the defence of Fort Ticonderoga, June 20, 1777. He was a member of the Hollis Minute-men in 1777, and was one of the town's enrolling officers and committee-men in 1780-81 and 1783. He died June 21, 1784, aged forty-six. In 1762 he married Anna Abbot, daughter of Benjamin Abbot, born October 27, 1746.

Their eldest son, Ephraim, Jr., better known as Deacon Ephraim Burge, was born at Hollis in 1764. He engaged in farming and the making of cooperage stock, and spent his life on the old homestead. Like his father, he was a Congregationalist. Deacon Burge's wife was Patty Baldwin, daughter of Colonel Nahum Baldwin, of Amherst, who commanded a regiment in the Revolutionary War, and was Treasurer of Hillsboro County for several years. She was the mother of six children—Ephraim, Martha, Anna, Clarissa, Cyrus, and Emma.

Cyrus Burge, the second son, born in 1804, married Joanna Cummings, daughter of Samuel and Joanna (Wyman) Cummings, of Hudson, N.H. He was a well-known farmer, and spent his active life in this region upon the farm bequeathed to him by his ancestors. Following in the footsteps of his forefathers, he was a constant attendant at the services of the Congregational church. He was a teacher in the common school in his native town, in Bedford and Francestown, N.H., and for years a Sunday-school teacher. In politics he was a Whig and a Republican. Cyrus Burge had the following children: Cyrus Franklin, subject of this sketch, born January 17, 1838; Edward Augustus, born July 4, 1839, now a real estate dealer in Chicago, Ill.; Charles Henry, born July 23, 1841, a real estate dealer in Topeka, Kan.; George Abbot, born March 5, 1843, an auctioneer in Nashua, N.H., and livery-sale stables and auctioneer, Boston, Mass. (residence, Courtland Street, Nashua); Martha Joanna, born January 5, 1845, a teacher in Dunstable, Rockport, and Boston, Mass., also in New Hampshire and Connecticut; and Clarissa Abby, born March 21, 1849, a teacher in New Hampshire, Boston and other places in Massachusetts, and Sedalia, Mo., and now living in Chicago.

Cyrus F. Burge grew to manhood in Hollis, and was educated in the public schools of this town and at Reed's Ferry and Nashua, N.H. Later he took a commercial course in Boston. In his early manhood he taught school in his native State, Illinois, Iowa, and Minnesota. He was connected with the Mississippi Marine Brigade, Brigadier-general A. W. Ellet, U. S. V., from April to November, 1864, and then, after voting in Illinois at the second election of Lincoln, came back to New Hampshire to meet George A., the returning veteran of Company H, Seventh New Hampshire Regiment. The various lines of business to which the life of Mr. Burge has been devoted have brought him in contact with a large number of men of widely different types of character, and have introduced him to many sides of the mercantile and industrial affairs of the world, thus giving him a large experience of human nature and much general information upon a wide range of topics. For two years Mr. Burge was travelling agent in Missouri for the Fairbanks Scales Company. For a number of years he was a journalist, and was connected with newspapers in Kansas City, Mo., and elsewhere, writing over the signature of "Observator." In 1873, owing to the advancing age of his parents, Mr. Burge came back to Hollis to take charge of the farm, and has since remained here, engaged in general farming.

On March 17, 1880, he married Mrs. Mary S. (Pierce) Lewis, a native of Pepperell, Mass., widow of Albert Lewis, formerly of Lynn, Mass. Like his ancestors, a member of the Congregational church, Mr. Burge is an active Y. M. C. A. and Sunday-school worker. In politics a Republican (1859-86) he is now an active Prohibitionist, being a member of the State Committee for Hillsboro County; and three times he has been candidate for Senator on the Prohibition ticket. Mr. Burge has for some years past been greatly interested in the early history of the town and vicinage, has collected many interesting and instructive facts concerning the genealogy of the old families, and is probably as well informed on these points as any one else in this section. He has a small, well-selected li-

brary, ever open to the use of the youth and citizens of the town by loan.

**L**EMUEL FULLER, a farmer of Amherst, N.H., is a lineal descendant of Thomas Fuller, who came from England to Boston, Mass., in November, 1638, on a tour of observation, not intending to take up his residence permanently in this country. He purchased three hundred acres of land in that part of Salem which was afterward incorporated as Middleton, and there built him a house. He was one of the first to petition for a church in Salem village, and, after its organization, was chosen one of the committee to carry on its affairs. According to Mr. Upham's "History of Salem Witchcraft," he belonged to a company of troopers foured for defence, and had the rank of Sergeant in 1636 and of Lieutenant in 1635. He married June 3, 1643, Elizabeth Tidd, a daughter of John and Margaret Tidd, of Woburn, Mass. Their descendants have been numerous, and many of them were men and women of note in the times in which they lived.

Lemuel Fuller, the only son of Daniel Fuller, Jr., and Sarah Patterson Rolfe, was born February 10, 1839, in Hudson, N.H., which was also the birthplace of his father and for many years the home of his paternal grandfather, Daniel Fuller. Left fatherless at the age of five years, Lemuel with his mother removed to Londonderry, where he spent his youth and early manhood. After obtaining his education in the schools of the town, he began the battle of life on his own account, working for his first employer three years, a term of service whose length was speaking evidence of his fidelity and ability. Having acquired a thorough knowledge of the various branches of agriculture, Mr. Fuller was subsequently superintendent of the farm of the Hon. Nathan Parker, of Manchester, N.H., whose farming estate was located in Litchfield. Going from there to Merrimac, he had charge of the town farm for three years, performing his duties in a most trustworthy manner. Later he purchased a farm in

the same town, and lived thereon until 1881, when he came to Amherst and bought his present farm, which he is conducting after the most approved methods, carrying on general farming, lumbering, and dairying with satisfactory results.

Mr. Fuller is a self-made man in the broadest sense of the term, in that he has risen by his own energy and persistent effort to the position of influence he now occupies. Since becoming a citizen of Amherst he has identified himself with its leading interests, being in favor of all movements calculated to improve the community in which he resides. He has served as Selectman of Amherst three years, having been chairman of the Board two years. He takes an active part in religious work, and is a valued member of the Congregational church.

Mr. Fuller was married December 24, 1868, to Miss Emeline Perry, who was born in Newburyport, Mass., January 14, 1845, a daughter of William Langlands and his wife, Catherine (Campbell) Langlands, of Campbelltown, Argyllshire, Scotland, the former of English and the latter of Scottish parentage. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller have four children, as follows: Emma F., now the wife of Charles A. Rogers, of Amherst; Dana L.; Walter P.; and Sarah F.



**RILEY BURNHAM HATCH,** an attorney and counsellor at law of Peterboro and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born October 19, 1832, in Williamstown, Vt., son of Alvah and Laura (Burnham) Hatch. His grandfather, Asa Hatch, a native of Alstead, N.H., was a pioneer in Williamstown: and Judah Hatch, a brother of Asa, was one of the first settlers of Bethel, Vt. At the age of fifteen Asa joined the Continental army from Alstead, N.H., and served as an orderly under a commissioned officer in the Revolutionary War. For his services then he afterward received a pension from the United States government. He improved a good farm in Williamstown, where he resided for the rest of his life, and he lived to be eighty-eight

years old. In politics he was a Whig. By his two marriages he was the father of twenty-three children, nineteen of whom reached maturity. Sixteen of the number, all now deceased, were the children of his first wife, who came from Alstead, N.H., and whose maiden name was Jane Black. Fourteen of these grew up, including Alvah, the eleventh-born. The second marriage was contracted with Laura Hyde, of whose seven children by him five grew up, one of whom, Stearns C. Hatch, is living in Indiana.

Alvah Hatch was born in Williamstown, August 6, 1798. He resided in his native town until 1850, when he moved to a farm in Barre, Mass., where he died June 6, 1868. An industrious and progressive man, he stood high in the esteem of the community. He supported the abolition movement, acted with the Free Soil party, and joined the Republican party at its formation. His religion was the Baptist. His first marriage was made with Laura Burnham, born in Williamstown, Vt., April 22, 1805. She was a daughter of Rufus Burnham, of Williamstown, who was born in Windham, Conn. Of her ten children four attained maturity; and Riley B., the subject of this sketch, is the only survivor. She died November 26, 1846. Alvah's second wife, whose maiden name was Esther Gates, had no children.

Riley B. Hatch was fitted for college at New Salem (Mass.) Academy and at Saxton's River, Vt., and was subsequently graduated from Middlebury College with the class of 1857. He afterward taught school for a time in sundry places, including a year spent in the capacity of Principal of the Peterboro Academy. After pursuing his law studies in the office of Governor George A. Ramsdell in Peterboro, he was admitted to the bar in September, 1862. Since that time he has acquired a large general practice. For ten years he was the treasurer of the Peterboro Savings Bank. He was a trustee of the Contocook Valley Savings Bank for some time, and he was for several years the clerk and treasurer of the Monadnock Railroad. In politics he actively supports the Republican party. He was a delegate to the Constitu-

tional Convention held in 1889. In the capacities of member of the School Board and trustee of the Public Library he has rendered valuable services to the town. A member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives in 1868, 1869, 1893, and 1894, he ably served on the Judiciary Committee and Committee on Revision of Statutes, and was chairman of the Committee on Elections.

Mr. Hatch has been twice married. His first wife, Ellen M. (Nichols) Hatch, a daughter of Levi Nichols, of Peterboro, whom he married April 10, 1860, died April 24, 1861. On November 26, 1863, he contracted his second marriage with Ellen M. Barber, daughter of John W. Barber, of Peterboro. She has had five children, of whom Ida F. and Ellen M. are living. Mr. Hatch is a Past Master of the Masonic lodge in Peterboro and a member of the Peterboro Royal Arch Chapter. In religious belief he is a Congregationalist.

*2360* **H**IRAM WEBSTER ELDREDGE, the proprietor of the *Antrim Reporter*, was born in South Harwich, Mass., October 12, 1865, son of Daniel Webster and Eliza Ann (Small) Eldredge. His grandfather, James Eldredge, was a seafaring man and a fisherman for the most of his life. He always resided on Cape Cod, where his later years were spent in tilling the soil. With his wife, whose maiden name was Reliance Hopkins, he reared two children, neither of whom is now living.

*2353* Daniel Webster Eldredge, who was born in Chatham, Mass., and began to follow the sea when very young, became the master of a vessel engaged in the fishing industry in Massachusetts Bay. He died in early manhood, aged thirty-four years. His wife, Eliza Ann, is a native of Harwich and a daughter of Hiram Small. She has had three children, of whom Effie Mabel and Hiram W. are living. Effie Mabel is the wife of Eugene C. Ellis, of East Wareham, and has two children — Harold Mervin and Eugene Webster. Mrs. Daniel W. Eldredge resides in Chatham, Mass., and is now the wife of Captain Luther Eldredge,

her second husband. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Hiram Webster Eldredge was educated in the schools of his native town. After completing his studies he learned the printer's trade, and for four years was employed in the office of the Harwich *Independent*. He then went to the city of Rockville, Conn., where he was foreman on the Tolland County *Leader* for a time. From Rockville he went to Barnstable, Mass., and was there employed by the publishing firm of F. B. & F. P. Goss. In November, 1892, he came to Antrim, and purchased the *Reporter* and the job printing business connected therewith. These he has successfully conducted since. The Antrim *Reporter*, which is a great benefit to the residents of this section, is constantly increasing in popularity.

On January 24, 1889, Mr. Eldredge was united in marriage with Rebecca M. Snow, daughter of Henry M. Snow, of St. Augustine, Fla. Mrs. Eldredge is the mother of three children, as follows: Henry Burr, born in Barnstable, March 14, 1891; Cranston Daniel, born in Antrim, December 3, 1893; and Mabelle, born in Antrim, July 8, 1896.

In politics Mr. Eldredge is a Republican. He has held the office of Chaplain of Waverley Lodge, No. 59, I. O. O. F., of Antrim; is connected with Hand in Hand Rebekah Lodge, No. 29, also of this town; and with Commandery No. 630, United Order of the Golden Cross of Hillsboro Bridge. Both he and Mrs. Eldredge are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

*611* **M**ICHAEL KENNEDY, a prosperous farmer of Harrisville, is a native of County Kilkenny, Ireland. Born in October, 1848, he is a son of William and Julia (Broderick) Kennedy. His grandfather was William Kennedy, who died in Ireland, and had three sons. Of these William Kennedy, the father of Michael, after spending the greater part of his life in his native land, came with his family to America at the age of sixty-seven years. He located in Harrisville, where he

spent his remaining years. His wife, Julia, bore him eight children, three of whom died in infancy. Those who attained maturity were: John, David, Mary, Ann, and Michael.

Michael Kennedy came to America with his parents in 1865, being then seventeen years of age. For the greater part of the time that has since elapsed he has resided in Lowell, Mass., and at Harrisville. During the last twenty years he has been a successful farmer in Harrisville, where he has won the respect and good will of all who have come in contact with him. He has been actively interested in the affairs of the town, and has served his townsmen with credit in various positions of responsibility. He married Mary Burns, who was born in 1848, daughter of John Burns, of Ireland. They have had five children, namely: Mary A. and Julia A., who were born at Marlboro, N.H., and now reside with their parents; William M., born at Harrisville, who died at the age of seventeen; Lizzie, born at Harrisville, who lived only nine months; and Katie R., now a young miss of thirteen years, who was also born in Harrisville.

Mr. Kennedy is a man of sound judgment, and a thorough American. He is devoted to his family, and is never so happy as when enjoying the companionship of his domestic circle. Through his own efforts, aided by his careful business methods, by thrift and strict honesty, he has acquired a comfortable competency, and stands as a good type of the self-made man.

**H**ENRY KENDALL FRENCH, a retired hotel-keeper of Peterboro, Hillsboro County, N.H., was born in Jaffrey, Cheshire County, January 21, 1826, son of Whitcomb and Mary (Kendall) French, and is a descendant of early New England colonists.

The founder of the family in America was probably Richard French, who settled in Cambridge, Mass., and in 1652 was one of the grantees of the "Farms," so called, soon named Billerica.

Lieutenant Joseph French, son of Richard,

married Elizabeth Knight, daughter of Philip and Margery Knight, of Charlestown, and was a prominent citizen of Concord, Mass., where he appears as early as 1674. He was a Selectman in 1689, and was one of the original members of the early church in that part of Concord afterward the town of Bedford. Joseph's family consisted of eight children, one of them being Jonathan, born in 1690, who by his wife, Elizabeth, had a son, John, born in 1727. John French settled in Hollis, N.H. He married Mary Whitcomb, of Bolton, who bore him eleven children.

Their eighth child, Whitcomb French, first, was born October 26, 1767. He settled in Dublin, N.H., where he tilled the soil, and dealt quite extensively in cattle. He was prominent in public affairs, serving as a Selectman in Dublin. In his religious views he was a Congregationalist. He died in Keene, N.H., at the age of seventy-six years. His wife, Sally Patrick, who was born in Fitchburg, Mass., November 6, 1772, lived to be ninety-two years old. She was the mother of nine children, the only one of whom now living is Malancy French, born February 11, 1810.

Whitcomb French, second, son of Whitcomb French, first, and father of Henry K., was born in Dublin, July 9, 1794. At the age of seventeen he began driving a stage in Vermont, and carried many passengers during the War of 1812. He subsequently followed agricultural pursuits in Dublin for a time, but in 1822 he purchased the stage line between Keene and Jaffrey. He later became proprietor of other lines, and in 1830 went to Keene, where he could have a general oversight of the various routes under his control. In the spring of 1832 he sold out, and, after carrying on the livery business in Keene and a hotel in Fitzwilliam for a short time, he in February, 1833, removed to Peterboro. He was the proprietor of French's Hotel in this town until some time in 1849, when he retired to a farm. Some years afterward he removed to the village. He died June 1, 1882. Whitcomb French was one of the most popular stage drivers of his day, and was also a

successful business man. In politics he was originally a Whig and later a Democrat. He held a Colonel's commission in the State militia, and for many years was prominent in military affairs. He married November 27, 1817, Mary Kendall, a daughter of Joel Kendall, of Dublin. She became the mother of eight children, as follows: Eliza G., born September 2, 1818; Edson Granville, who married Relief Walker, of Vermont, and died leaving one son, Fred W., born July 19, 1847; Mary S., born December 4, 1823; Henry K., the subject of this sketch; Marshal W., born September 4, 1827; Charles D., born March 29, 1830; Sarah F., born February 22, 1832; and William P., born June 4, 1841. Eliza G. is now the widow of Jesse Little, and resides in Salt Lake City, Utah. She has had eleven children, five of whom are living; namely, Ann, Jedediah, Fred, George, and Alice. Marshal W. French married Lizzie T. Wales, of Palmer, Mass., and his one son, Samuel W., of Newtonville, Mass. Charles D. married Nancy L. Holbrook, of Peterboro, and has three children — Henry E., Minnie M., and Kate H. William P. French married Helen A. Shearer, of Palmer, and has four children; namely, Willis S., Scott M., John F., and Clara. Mrs. Mary Kendall French died in November, 1881.

Henry Kendall French began to assist his father at an early age, and he may be said to have grown up in the stage and hotel business. In 1845 he commenced driving a stage between Keene and Nashua, and he continued thus employed until he succeeded his father as proprietor of French's Hotel, Peterboro, in 1849. In October, 1852, he sold the business, and for the next five years was engaged in running an express between Peterboro and Boston. In 1857 he resumed the proprietorship of the hotel, which he purchased of his father, and carried it on successfully until 1879, when he sold the property to its present owner, Thomas B. Tucker. Mr. French is now residing at the old Wilson place, which is owned by the B. P. Cheney estate. Beautiful for situation, commanding an extensive view, this farm is one of the finest pieces of agricultural property in New Hampshire.

Mr. French's first wife, Harriet N. Gray, whom he married July 9, 1850, was born in Wilton, N.H., August 21, 1829. She died October 13, 1852, leaving one son, Frank G., born June 10, 1852, who died July 18, 1886. On November 20, 1855, Mr. French married Sarah Amanda Adams, who was born in Mason, N.H., July 10, 1834. Mr. and Mrs. French have been bereft of two children since the death of his eldest son, namely: Charles H., born December 22, 1856, who died February 2, 1895; and Hattie A., born August 27, 1858, who died October 24, 1887. They have one son now living, George A., born September 22, 1860.

Mr. French has attained a substantial business success, and there is probably not a man in this locality who enjoys a wider or more cordial circle of acquaintances.

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**J**AMES S. PARTRIDGE, a leading farmer of East Alstead and a prominent resident of the town of Alstead, was born here, December 29, 1819, son of Theron and Lydia (Wentworth) Partridge. The paternal grandfather, Sylvester Partridge, born February 20, 1766, was a farmer, spent his life in this town, and was esteemed as an active and progressive citizen. He was several times married, and had a large family of children. His last marriage was contracted with the widow Fay.

Theron Partridge, who was born May 20, 1788, died in February, 1858. He was a farmer and school teacher, a man of much ability and very active in local matters. He was always ready to work for the advancement of any measure he felt to be for the good of the town or for the welfare of his fellow-townersmen, and he never regretted time spent in the interests of progressive or important enterprises. He was Selectman of the town for a time. An exemplary member of the Congregational church, he was known for his charity and the integrity of his life. His wife, Lydia, born March 23, 1791, daughter of Asa Wentworth, died July 20, 1857, having been the mother of three children. These were: Willard W., Alfred W., and James S.,

all of whom were born in Alstead. Willard W., a teacher of music, resided in New York, Burlington, Vt., and in Cleveland, Ohio, and died in the latter city. He married a Miss Smith, and had several children. Alfred W. Partridge, a farmer of Alstead, married Calista Newton, of Worcester, Vt., and has two daughters. He taught for about one hundred terms of singing-school.

The early life of James S. Partridge was spent on his father's farm. He received the elements of a practical education in the town schools. For a while he was employed in Faneuil Hall Market, Boston. With the exception of that period his life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits. He is an active member and Deacon of the Congregational church.

Mr. Partridge has been twice married. On the first occasion he wedded Harriett Kent, a daughter of Asa Kent, of Alstead. She was born in 1821, and died May 6, 1870. Her three children were: Charles W., Ella L., and Lilla C. Charles W., born June 29, 1848, lives in Lawrence, Mass., a successful dentist of that city. He married May, daughter of Dr. Palmer, of Fitchburg, Mass., and they have one child, Harriett. Ella L., born May 18, 1850, is the wife of G. G. Banks, a well-to-do man of this town. Lilla C., born May 18, 1853, married H. F. Newell, of Keene, N.H., who is a carpenter. On November 14, 1871, Mr. Partridge married for his second wife Mrs. Julia A. Whittemore, who is now living.



**D**AVID MARDEN, a farmer of New Boston, was born in that town, November 11, 1820, son of Greenough and Sibyl (Hadley) Marden. His grandfather, Lemuel Marden, who was born in Massachusetts, August 30, 1745, became a resident of New Boston about 1789, settling near the centre of the town. Having spent the greater part of his life in farming, Lemuel died June 19, 1819. His wife, Hannah (Greenough) Marden, born May 21, 1750, passed away October 12, 1843, aged ninety-three years. They had eight children —

Greenough, Solomon, Samuel, Francis, Jonathan, Hannah, Sarah, and Mehitable. Greenough Marden was born in Bradford, Mass., October 17, 1772. He was a farmer and bricklayer, and he spent the most of his life in New Boston, in the southern part of which he owned land. A hard-working and industrious man, he was successful in his business. In politics he was a Democrat, and he invariably voted with his party. He was an attendant of the Presbyterian church. On October 10, 1802, he married Sibyl Hadley, who, born in West Nottingham, N.H., August 24, 1780, died April 13, 1866. His death occurred June 9, 1865. They had nine children, namely: Lemuel, born September 17, 1803, who died June 26, 1889; Levi, born February 13, 1805, who died October 14, 1832; John L., born October 20, 1807, who died February 13, 1814; Lyman, born November 13, 1809, who died September 20, 1892; Cynthia, born March 5, 1812, who died February 13, 1814; Sibyl, born February 20, 1815, who died December 23, 1889; Abigail, born November 17, 1817, who died December 15, 1896; David, the subject of this sketch; and William G., born August 3, 1823, who died May 1, 1892.

David Marden attended the schools of his native town for the usual period. After living at home with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age, he went into general farming, being employed in the town for nine years. He then went West to Trenton, Dodge County, Wis., where he took up land, and remained there some sixteen years, during which time he followed the occupation of general farmer. Having sold his Western property, he removed to Mont Vernon, N.H., where he lived for five years. On May 4, 1872, he returned to his native town, where he has since resided. Besides a good farm of about eighty-four acres, on which are substantial buildings, he owns other property. In his politics he is a Democrat, and he has been Selectman of the town for six years, and was Justice of the Peace for five years.

On September 11, 1851, Mr. Marden was married to Belinda M. Simonds, who was born in Antrim, N.H., July 11, 1824, daughter of Benjamin and Betsey Simonds. Mr. and Mrs.

Marden have three children — Sibyl B., Minetta C., and George D. Sibyl B. and Minetta C. reside with their parents. George D., who lives in his native town, carries on a lumber-mill, and deals largely in lumber. Both Mr. and Mrs. Marden are attendants of the Baptist church. Mr. Marden has ceased farming for the last four years, but he still resides on the old place, and enjoys the respect of all the citizens of the town.

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**F**RANK M. FORRISTALL, a prominent resident and business man of Alstead, was born here, April 22, 1857, son of Joseph P. and Mary A. (Flint) Forristall. His grandfather, John Forristall, born in Troy, N.H., who was a road contractor and farmer, and lived for the greater part of his life in Winchendon, Mass., held the rank of Captain in the militia. John married Mary Parker, and they had four children — Joseph P., John M., Charles E., and Roswell M. John M. lived in Winchendon, carrying on the same business in which his father had been engaged, and becoming a contractor on a large scale. Charles E. also lived in Winchendon, and was a carpenter and builder. He married and had one child. Roswell M., who lives in the same town, and is engaged in the same business, is also married.

Joseph P. Forristall, the eldest son of John, born October 24, 1816, died March 26, 1897. After finishing his education in the town schools at Winchendon, he went to Orange, Mass., where he learned the trade of millwright, and remained for nine years. In 1848 he came to Alstead, and bought a mill, which he operated during the rest of his life. He was highly respected in the town. In 1867 and 1868 he was sent as Representative to General Court, where he discharged his duties efficiently. His wife, Mary, who was born November 1, 1818, and now resides with Frank M. Forristall, had three children. Of these one died in infancy, and George P. died at the age of seven years.

Frank M. Forristall was educated in the common schools and at Bernardston Academy in Massachusetts, then came with his father to

Alstead, and worked with him in the milling business as long as the elder Mr. Forristall lived. Since then he has continued the business, carrying out the plans of his father. He was Selectman of the town for three terms, and he is the Representative in the State legislature for 1896-97, serving on the Agricultural College Committee. Mr. Forristall attends the Congregational church, and is an active member of the grange and of the Order of the Golden Cross. The first of his two marriages was contracted with Julia M. Clapp, a daughter of Alfred Clapp, of Huntington, Mass. Born August 13, 1856, she died July 26, 1894. Her children were: Leslie P., born May 4, 1879; Florence M., born July 26, 1881; Ralph W., born October 14, 1888; and Lena J., born July 22, 1894, who died November 26, 1894. His second marriage was made with Mary S. Cater, who was born August 2, 1874, daughter of George E. Cater, of Alstead.

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**J**OHN SCOTT, editor and proprietor of the *Peterboro Weekly Transcript*, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in this town, September 9, 1844, son of William and Malinda (Ward) Scott. His father was a native of Peterboro, and an account of the family history may be found in a sketch of Colonel Charles Scott, which appears elsewhere in this work.

John Scott's opportunities for attending school in his boyhood were very limited, as circumstances made it necessary for him to earn his own living while still a mere child. At the age of nine years he entered a cotton-mill in this town as a bobbin boy, and five years later he had advanced to the position of second hand in the carding-room of the Phoenix factory. At the age of fifteen he became an apprentice in the office of the *Peterboro Transcript*, which was then published by his brother, Kendall C. Scott; and here he learned the printer's trade. In July, 1864, he enlisted as a private in Troop G, First New Hampshire Cavalry, and was soon made a Corporal. He was wounded in the left foot while on picket duty in Maryland, and dur-

ing his four months' confinement in the hospital in Washington was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He was later made Quartermaster Sergeant, which rank he held when he was mustered out. In September, 1865, he became a partner with his brother in the publication of the *Transcript*, and a short time later Kendall C. Scott sold his interest to Joseph Farnum. The firm of Farnum & Scott then conducted the paper for twenty-four years, or until the death of Mr. Farnum, in 1890, since which time Mr. Scott has been its editor and proprietor. The *Transcript* is a lively, interesting, and up-to-date newspaper, and Mr. Scott neglects no favorable opportunity of increasing its usefulness and advancing its circulation. He also does a profitable job printing business. An unwavering Republican in politics, he takes a leading part in local affairs, and in 1887 and 1888 he ably represented this town in the legislature.

On May 1, 1866, Mr. Scott was united in marriage with Lucinda C. Forbush, a daughter of Luke O. Forbush, of Peterboro, and has had a family of four children, of whom but one is now living, Mabel S., born August 1, 1872. She married Dr. Fred S. Piper, of this town, and is the mother of one child, a daughter — Dorothy G., born November 19, 1893.

Mr. Scott is a member of Altamont Lodge, No. 26, F. & A. M., and of Peterboro Lodge No. 15, I. O. O. F. He is also Past Commander of Aaron F. Stevens Post, No. 6, G. A. R. He and his wife attend the Unitarian church.



SCAR H. BRADLEY, M.D., well known as a medical practitioner in Jaffrey and the surrounding towns, was born February 10, 1826, in Louisville, Ky., son of James and Jane (Holmes) Bradley. The father, who was a native of either New Hampshire or Vermont, and who was a mechanic in Londonderry, N.H., for some time prior to his marriage, afterward spent ten years in Louisville, Ky., then settled in Vermont, where he died at the age of seventy-five years. His wife, a daugh-

ter of Jonathan Holmes, of Londonderry, was the mother of six children — Nathaniel, Margaret, Mary Ann, Albert, Oscar, and Laura — of whom Dr. Bradley is the sole survivor.

Oscar H. Bradley studied for a time at the Black River Academy in Ludlow, Vt., where President Tucker, of Dartmouth College, was one of his classmates. He began to read medicine with Dr. Twitchell, of Keene, N.H. Subsequently he pursued his studies at Burlington, Vt., and at the Dartmouth Medical College, receiving his diploma from the last-named institution in due course. Since then he has followed his profession in this town, acquiring a large practice, and being for years the only physician here. Naturally of keen, analytic abilities, his diagnosis of symptoms is almost unfailing; while his sympathy for his patients and his ready appreciation of their needs have often been of more value than the medicine administered. He is now gradually retiring from active practice, having acquired a competency that enables him to enjoy a well-earned rest. Dr. Bradley has been interested in various things outside his professional cares. He was one of the most influential promoters of the Monadnock Railroad, and was one of its directors until the road was bought out by the Fitchburg line. He was the prime mover in establishing the Monadnock Savings Bank, of which he has been the president for the past thirty years. He is also a director of the National Bank. The Doctor has been a member of the Masonic organization for forty years.

Dr. Bradley married Julia A. Spaulding, who was born in March, 1831, daughter of Daniel Spaulding, of Fitzwilliam, N.H. His children are: Daniel E. and Mark S. Daniel, born in May, 1861, who, after graduating at Dartmouth College, took a special course in engineering, is now the general superintendent of the Berlin Bridge Works at Berlin, Conn. He married Anna Sampson, of Northfield, Vt., and has three children — Lucille, Marguerite, and Edith. Mark S. Bradley was born at Jaffrey in 1868. He graduated from Yale College and the College of Physicians and Surgeons at New York City, took two years' work in the Charity Hospital of

New York, and then located at South Manchester, Conn., where he became a leading physician, and has an extensive practice. At this writing he is travelling in Europe.

**C**HARLES HENRY CUTLER, M.D., a popular physician of Peterboro and a son of Dr. John H. Cutler, was born here, September 9, 1867. His grandfather, John Cutler, who was a farmer of Rindge, N.H., lived to an advanced age. John Cutler's first wife died young. His second wife, whose maiden name was Marinda Wright, is still living. His children, besides Dr. John H. Cutler, are: Augusta, now Mrs. Sandford; Anna; and Emily.

Dr. John H. Cutler was born in Rindge. After attending the schools of that town for the usual period, he was prepared for college in the Pittsfield School of Pittsfield, Mass. Afterward he graduated from the School of Medicine connected with the University of Vermont at Burlington, and settled in Greenville, N.H., where he practised for a short time. At the breaking out of the late war he was commissioned as surgeon, and served for some time in the Union army. Coming later to Peterboro, he remained here in active practice up to 1889, when the condition of his health obliged him to retire. In politics he is a Republican, and he has served the town as a member of the School Board, a Representative to the State legislature, and as a member of the Board of Health. He is a comrade of Aaron F. Stevens Post, No. 6, G. A. R., of Peterboro; and a Mason of Peterboro Lodge. His wife, whose maiden name was Martha L. Ryan, is a member of the Congregational church. Their children are: Samuel R., Charles H., Castella, Annie L., and M. Evangeline.

Charles Henry Cutler attended the Peterboro schools, and later Cushing's Academy at Ashburnham, Mass., where he fitted for college. He graduated from the Burlington Medical School in the class of 1892, and shortly after opened practice in Peterboro. In the brief period that has since elapsed, he has won for himself quite a reputation for skill

and ability in his profession. In 1896 he married Helen N. Bissell, daughter of Edgar N. Bissell, of Shoreham, Vt. In politics Dr. Cutler is a Republican, in religion an Episcopalian. He is a member of Peterboro Masonic Lodge and of the Sons of Veterans organization. At present he is surgeon of the State Division of the New Hampshire Sons of Veterans.

**P**ON. SAMUEL UPTON, now living in retirement in his pleasant home in Goffstown village, was born in Wilmot, Merrimack County, September 12, 1824, son of Daniel and Asenath (Teel) Upton. The Upton family is traced to sturdy English stock. John Upton, the American progenitor, came to this country from England. Daniel Upton, born March 6, 1783, in Ashby, Mass., residing in Wilmot for the greater part of his life, followed the trade of carpenter, and was also engaged in general farming. An honest, temperate, and industrious man, he was a member of the Congregational church, and in politics he supported the Republican party. The first of his two marriages was contracted with Rebecca Teel, and the second with Asenath Teel, his first wife's sister. Asenath, born in Goffstown, May 5, 1799, died December 26, 1869. Daniel's death occurred November 4, 1856. There were fourteen children by the two marriages, four by the first, and ten by the last. Seven of the number are still living, namely: Martha N., the wife of Charles Griffin, of Lowell, Mass.; Asenath, the wife of Amos P. Stevens, of Wilmot, N.H.; Elvira, the wife of Mr. Stevens, of Meriden, Ia.; Harriet J., the wife of George W. Prescott, of Meriden, Ia.; Eliza E., the wife of E. R. Poor, of Goffstown; Samuel Upton, the subject of this sketch; and J. Kendrick Upton, a resident of Washington, D.C. The deceased were: Rebecca J., Daniel, Mary C., Betsy, Lydia A., Elmira, and Emily A. Rebecca J. married James F. Taylor; Mary C. married A. J. George; Lydia A. married G. W. Prescott; and Emily A. died unmarried.

Samuel Upton passed the early years of his life in Wilmot, his native town. His education was begun in the public schools of that place. Afterward he went to the academy at New London for one term, and then took a complete course at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N.H., paying his way by teaching and doing such other work as he could obtain in vacation time. He successfully followed the occupation of teacher for several terms in district and high schools, and in academies at Ashby, Mass., Corinth, Vt., and Deering, N.H. His ambition, however, was to become a lawyer, and in the spring of 1851, when twenty-seven years of age, he entered the law office of Butterfield & Hamlin. He completed his law studies in the office of D. & D. J. Clark in Manchester, N.H., in the spring of 1852. After his admission to the bar in September, 1854, he opened an office in Manchester. Here three years later he was appointed a Justice of the Police Court, which office he held until 1874, a period of seventeen years. In 1855-56 he represented old Ward Five of Manchester in the legislature; he served on the School Board from Ward Four for three years; and in December, 1863, President Lincoln appointed him Commissioner of the Board of Enrolment for the Second Congressional District, the duties of which position he efficiently discharged until the close of the war. In 1875 Judge Upton left Manchester, and settled in Cherokee County, Iowa, in the hope that the change would prove beneficial to his wife's health and enable him to free himself from polities. Here, with his brother-in-law, G. W. Prescott, under the firm name of Prescott & Upton, he conducted a general store for a time. In 1883 he returned to New Hampshire, and settled in Goffstown. After two years spent in business in Goffstown he again took up legal work to some extent for a short time, and then practically retired from active business.

On June 17, 1857, Judge Upton married Miss Jennie L. Meriam, who was born in Harvard, Mass., daughter of Jonas Meriam. They have one daughter, Fannie S. Upton. Judge Upton is a stanch Republican. He is a member of Mechanics Lodge, I. O. O. F.,

at Manchester; and of Bible Lodge, F. & A. M., at Goffstown. While in the West he did effective work in the cause of temperance, and was active in Sunday-school teaching. Since coming to Goffstown he has identified himself with the Congregational church here, and is now the superintendent of its Sunday-school. For the last twelve years he has been a member of the School Board. When the water system was put into the village he acted as Water Commissioner. He is a trustee of the Public Library. Of a frank and genial nature, the Judge has a large circle of friends.

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**G**TON. WALTER LUCIUS GOODNOW, of Jaffrey, founder of the firm of Goodnow Brothers & Co., and an ex-member of the New Hampshire Senate, was born in Winchendon, Mass., March 1, 1851, son of William Everett and Abigail (Beaman) Goodnow. His father was the only son of William Goodnow, of Camden, Me., and was one of a family of three, the daughters being Jerusha and Pamelia.

William Everett Goodnow was born in Camden, Me., July 9, 1812. When a young man he settled upon a farm in Princeton, Mass., where he resided a number of years; and he then engaged in the lumbering business in this State. He has been a resident of Jaffrey since 1856, and, although he is now in his eighty-sixth year, he manages two large farms, and is exceedingly active for one of his age. He has been a Deacon of the Baptist church for upward of fifty years, and takes a deep interest in religious and benevolent work. His wife, Abigail Beaman, who was born in Princeton, Mass., in 1818, daughter of Gamaliel Beaman, became the mother of five children: William S.; Cordelia L.; Walter L., the subject of this sketch; Wayland H.; and Windsor H. William S. Goodnow, who is a merchant in Peterboro, N.H., has been twice married, and has one son by his first union. His second wife was Mrs. Nellie Fish, born Howard. Cordelia L., who died in 1865, was the wife of Newhall

Flint, of Lyme, N.H. Wayland H. is a member of the firm of Goodnow Brothers & Co., and resides in Jaffrey. Windsor H. Goodnow, who is also a member of the firm, and has charge of their store in Keene, N.H., married Anna Putnam, and has three children.

Walter Lucius Goodnow was educated in the schools of Lyme and Jaffrey, N.H., and after completing his studies he began his business career as a clerk in a store in Fitzwilliam, remaining there three years. He next went to Fitchburg, Mass., where he was employed in the same capacity a year; and in September, 1873, he formed a partnership with Peter Upton and Benjamin Pierce, under the firm name of W. L. Goodnow & Co. That concern carried on a general store in Jaffrey until 1875, when Mr. Goodnow purchased the interests of his partners, and associated himself with Alvin J. Bemis. The partnership continued under the name style until 1881, when he bought Mr. Bemis out, and after that he conducted business alone until 1891. The W. L. Goodnow Company was then formed, and continued in business until 1894, when the present firm of Goodnow Brothers & Co. was established. This concern own five large stores, located as follows: one in East Jaffrey, one in Peterboro, one in West Swanzey, one in Keene, and one in Winchester. They are doing an extensive general mercantile business, besides handling quantities of hay and grain, and operating a grist-mill in Jaffrey. Mr. Goodnow has represented his district in the lower house of the State legislature, and has served one term in the Senate. While serving as a Representative in 1889-91, he was a member of the Committees on Banks and Insurance; and in the Senate in 1893-94 he was assigned to the Committees on Banks, Labor, and Soldiers' Home. He has been a director of the First National Bank since 1885, and is actively interested in developing the business resources of this section. Mr. Goodnow has advanced in Masonry to the Commandery, is connected also with the Patrons of Husbandry, and the United Order of the Golden Cross. In his religious views he is a Baptist.

Mr. Goodnow's first wife, Emma S. Bemis, whom he married in July, 1874, died the day following the marriage ceremony. She was the daughter of Alvin J. Bemis, later his business associate. For his second wife he married M. Adelaide Upton, born in Jaffrey, November 4, 1856, daughter of the Hon. Peter Upton. Mr. and Mrs. Goodnow have three children now living, as follows: Jessie E., born November 10, 1879, a graduate of Cushing Academy, Ashburnham, Mass.; Hazel M., born October 17, 1882; and Ruth L., born December 12, 1886. Their youngest child, Ralph W., born June 27, 1890, died in infancy.

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**J**OSEPH FITCH CROSBY, a venerable and highly respected citizen of Hillsboro County, residing in Milford, was born in Amherst, N.H., September 16, 1819, son of Joseph and Sarah (Richardson) Crosby.

The Crosby family is of English origin. Joseph Crosby, son of Josiah, who was an early settler of Hillsboro, was born in Milford, N.H. He was a farmer by occupation, and lived for a time in Jaffrey and later in Amherst. He was residing in the former place when the Revolutionary War began. He at once enlisted, and was one of those who participated in the battle of Bunker Hill. The son still has the old powder-horn used by his father. Joseph Crosby lived to be nearly ninety, dying October 9, 1842, in his ninetieth year. In politics he was a Whig, in religion a member of the Congregational church.

Joseph Fitch Crosby, the only survivor of the seven children born to Joseph and Sarah Crosby, spent the early years of his life on a farm in Amherst. He attended the public schools of that place, and was for a time a student at a private school in Milford. He now owns a one-hundred-and-twenty-acre farm in Milford, besides forty acres of land in the town of Amherst. In connection with farming, he has been engaged in quarrying granite. He assisted in building the fine stone bridge which spans the Souhegan River at Milford. He also contracted for and furnished the

stone used in the construction of the Amherst High School.

On March 28, 1847, Mr. Crosby married Miss Helen M. Averill, who was born in Mont Vernon, a daughter of James J. Averill, a former resident of that place, but who is now deceased. The Averill family is one of the oldest in Hillsboro County. Mr. and Mrs. Crosby had two children; namely, Grace H. and Kate Belle. The latter has passed away. Mrs. Crosby died November 14, 1879.

Mr. Crosby is a stanch Democrat. While not caring for official honors, he commands the respect and confidence of his townsmen, who feel that his influence will be given to the support of any worthy object.

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**J**OHN B. JONES, of Goffstown, a carpenter by trade, who is also successfully engaged in farming, was born August 2, 1840, in Manchester, Hillsboro County, son of Eliphalet and Abigail C. (Butler) Jones. Phillip Jones, the great-grandfather of John B., was a pioneer farmer of Goffstown, where he reclaimed from the wilderness the farm upon which he afterward lived. His son, Eliphalet, Sr., who was engaged in farming, and also owned and conducted the saw-mill known as the Jones Mill, died here when about seventy-seven years of age. The grandmother, Polly Ladd Jones, who was born in Dunbarton, also lived to a good age.

Eliphalet Jones, Jr., learned the trade of a mason, and afterward worked at it besides conducting a farm. He died January 3, 1883, sixty-nine years of age. His wife, Abigail, who was a Baptist, died April 28, 1885, aged sixty-six years. In politics he was a Republican from the formation of the party. In his earlier days he was a Universalist, but afterward he became a Spiritualist. Of his seven children, four sons and three daughters, five are living, namely: John B., the subject of this sketch; Abbie S. Jones, born April 12, 1846, residing in Goffstown; Moody B., born April 12, 1848, engaged in farming in Dunbarton; Albert E., born August 27, 1853, a farmer and a mason in Dunbarton; and

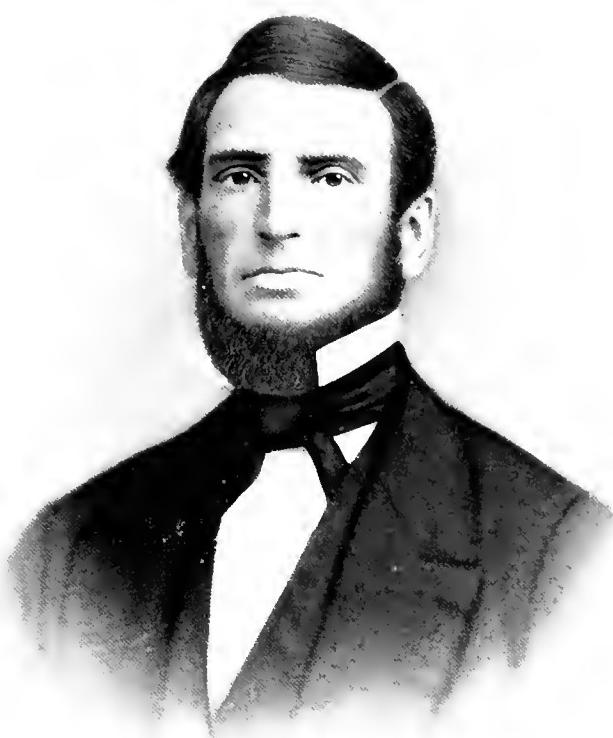
Henry C., born March 5, 1859, who is the proprietor of a hotel at York Beach, Me. Lydia M., born December 20, 1842, who married Daniel L. Woodbury, died May 10, 1896; and Lizzie S. Jones, born October 7, 1856, died February 14, 1867.

John B. Jones grew to manhood and was educated here in Goffstown. When twenty-two years old, he began learning the trade of a carpenter, which, more or less, he has since followed. In 1872, when about thirty-two years old, he purchased the farm he now owns. This he has since conducted, making a specialty of dairying, keeping grade Holstein cattle principally. On August 25, 1863, he enlisted in Company B, First New Hampshire Regiment of Heavy Artillery, under Captain Ira McBarton, and subsequently served in the Civil War until its close. He was honorably discharged September 11, 1865. On May 7, 1864, while in the army, he was promoted for faithfulness in the performance of duty to the rank of Corporal.

On October 4, 1876, Mr. Jones was married to Sophronia Johnson. They had one son—Joseph Clinton Jones, born January 26, 1880, who died October 3, 1884. Mr. Jones is an adherent of the Republican party. In religion he is a Universalist. He is a member of the Bible Lodge, No. 93, F. & A. M., of Goffstown, and a comrade of Louis Bell Post, G. A. R., of Manchester.

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**M**RS. STEPHEN KIMBALL, a well-known resident of Alstead, was born December 9, 1814, daughter of John and Luna Fletcher Harris. In early life she attended the public schools. Upon reaching womanhood, she married Lawson Robertson. Mr. Robertson, a native of Chesterfield, N.H., who was born April 23, 1811, died October 31, 1863. A man of great energy and business ability, he became one of the wealthy merchants of Chesterfield and later of Alstead. Not allowing his personal affairs to absorb his attention to the exclusion of everything else, he took an active part in town affairs. Whatever measure he believed to be for the benefit of the town as a



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whole received at once not only his cordial support, but his active co-operation. His business career had given him the best possible training for the public service, and he was chosen to fill about every office in the gift of the town, including those of Selectman and Town Treasurer. Personal considerations were never allowed to interfere in any way with his official duties, and he had the good of his townsmen always at heart, considering himself the servant of the public. He was a member of the Universalist church, and his life beautifully illustrated the teachings of that body in that he desired to do good to all men.

Mr. Robertson and his wife had four children, namely: Herman, born October 19, 1838, who died December 30, 1868; Stella, born September 18, 1841, who died July 16, 1843; Edward H., born June 19, 1844, who died February 12, 1849; and Frank H., born June 18, 1853, who was a merchant, and died February 3, 1886.

Mrs. Kimball's second husband, to whom she was married on July 28, 1870, after nearly seven years of widowhood, was the late Stephen Kimball, who for more than a quarter of a century was an esteemed resident of this town. Mr. Kimball, a native of Chesterfield, born in December, 1808, died June 4, 1896. He removed to Alstead at the time of his marriage, and became active in town affairs and prominent as a Republican. Of a genial, warm-hearted nature, ever ready to oblige, and deeming no sacrifice for principle or for honor's sake too great, he won general esteem and the friendship of a wide circle of friends.

 LIVER TENNEY, a prominent resident of New Ipswich, was born here, July 6, 1846, son of Barnard and Harriet (Wallace) Tenney. The paternal grandfather, John Tenney, who was a native and a leading farmer of Littleton, Mass., married Lucy Read. Of their eight children, Barnard, the fifth son, is the only one now living.

Barnard Tenney, born at Littleton, May 16, 1809, is still living, being now eighty-eight

years old. His wife died in her sixtieth year. In early life he learned the cooper's trade. When thirty years old, he came to New Ipswich and purchased a farm of one hundred and fifty acres, the cultivation of which thereafter occupied his time. In addition to this estate, he owns other property. Having given close attention to his affairs throughout his life, he has been quite prosperous. He is now enjoying the fruits of his early industry. Of his four children Oliver is the only survivor.

After obtaining a good training in the district schools of New Ipswich, Oliver Tenney worked at farming with his father. He is now the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land. Besides carrying on general farming, he transacts a large business in lumbering. In January, 1885, he married Ella F. Hale, who was born March 17, 1859, daughter of Julius A. Hale, of Rindge, N.H. Their first child, Hattie E., was born June 6, 1886. Four others followed, namely: Wallace O., born July 10, 1889; Wilbur H., born June 29, 1892; Alice F., born February 20, 1894; and Ruth Marion, born November 16, 1896.

In religion both Mr. and Mrs. Tenney are liberals, and they attend the Baptist church. In politics Mr. Tenney is a Democrat. For some years past he has been Selectman of the town. He is one of the leading farmers of this section of the State and a man of high character and reputation.

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**H**ERBERT S. HUTCHINSON, M.D., one of the foremost physicians and surgeons of Milford, N.H., is a fine representative of the native-born citizens of the town, where his birth occurred September 15, 1849. He is of English ancestry, being descended from a family of Hutchinsons that trace their lineage back to the eleventh century. The founder of the family in Milford was Elisha Hutchinson, who came to New Hampshire from a part of old Salem (now Danvers), Mass. Selecting a tract of land north of the Souhegan River, he made a clearing, built a log house, and thereafter was engaged in farming. He left two sons — Jesse and Andrew — to each of whom he be-

queathed one-half of his estate. Jesse was the father of the celebrated "Hutchinson Family" of singers, so widely and justly celebrated for their musical abilities.

Andrew Hutchinson, the paternal grandfather of the Doctor, was a prominent man in the town. He was very active in the building of the Baptist church, being master workman, and subsequently served as Deacon of the church for many years. He reared a numerous family of daughters and sons. His son, Stillman Hutchinson, was a lifelong resident of Milford, being here engaged in agricultural pursuits during his active years. Stillman was a man of sterling integrity and untiring industry. He married Emeline Gove, who was born in Weare, N.H. They had four children, of whom Dr. Hutchinson is the youngest.

Herbert S. Hutchinson obtained his elementary education in Milford, being graduated from the high school with an excellent record for scholarship. When twenty-one years of age, he entered Dartmouth College, and during the time he was there he taught school in the winter seasons to defray his expenses, and at the same time kept up with his class in his studies. He graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1875. After continuing his pedagogical labors for a time in New England, in the spring of 1876 he took a course of lectures at the Maine Medical College in Brunswick. Going then to Toledo, Ohio, he accepted the position of principal of the Mitchell High School, of which he had charge two years. By this time he had saved some money; and he went to New York as a student in the Bellevue Hospital College, from which he was graduated March 1, 1880. The Doctor began the practice of his profession in Franconia, N.H., continuing prosperously engaged there for five years. On May 1, 1885, he returned to his native town, where by his skill in his profession he has built up a fine practice and won in an eminent degree the confidence of the community.

Dr. Hutchinson was for a number of years a member of the Milford Town Board of Health. Politically, he is a stanch Republi-

can; and, socially, he is prominently identified with the Odd Fellows Order, taking an active interest in promoting the good of the society. He is likewise a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society. The Doctor was married July 17, 1883, to Miss Harriet A. Wilson, daughter of the late Elias Wilson, of Franconia, N.H. Their children are: Herbert L. and Rollo W.

**G**EORGE CARPENTER, who occupies one of the oldest farms in Swanzey, Cheshire County, N.H., was born where he now resides, September 13, 1828, son of the Hon. Elijah and Fanny (Partridge) Carpenter. His first American ancestor was William Carpenter, who arrived from England in 1638, and moved from Weymouth to Rehoboth, Mass., in 1643.

The Rev. Ezra Carpenter, a descendant of William and great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Rehoboth, April 1, 1698, and was graduated at Harvard College in 1720. He was installed pastor of the church in Hull, November 24, 1725, and preached there until November 23, 1746. In 1753 he was called to Swanzey; and on October 14 of that year the churches of Keene and Swanzey were united, with the Rev. Ezra Carpenter as pastor. After the church union was discontinued seven years later, he remained as pastor of the church in Swanzey until 1765. He died at Walpole, N.H., August 26, 1785. In Swanzey he resided upon the farm that is now occupied by his great-grandson, and he is said to have at one time owned slaves. He married Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. Thomas Greenwood, and reared a family of eight children.

Greenwood Carpenter, George Carpenter's grandfather, was born in Hull, March 31, 1733. He was twice married, and was the father of thirteen children, three by his first wife, Sarah Leathers, and ten by his second wife, Susan Hammond, of Swanzey, Elijah, Mr. George Carpenter's father, being among the latter.

Elijah Carpenter was born at the homestead in Swanzey, December 23, 1779. He in-

herited the ancestral farm, which he cultivated during his active years, and by industrious toil and sagacious management made his one hundred and fifty acres of land yield him a good income. He was an upright, conscientious man, adhering closely to the Golden Rule; and through his natural ability and legal knowledge he acquired a wide influence among his fellow-towners. He was a member of the legislature for a number of terms, was a State Senator one year, served as High Sheriff for ten years, and as Deputy Sheriff until he was about eighty years old. He was spoken of and addressed as Squire Carpenter, and while holding the office of High Sheriff he carried a sword at court, as was customary in those days. He married Fanny Partridge, who was born in Montague, Mass., November 1, 1787. Of their seven children one died young, and two in middle life. The survivors are: a son, George, the subject of this sketch; and three daughters, one of whom resides in Denver, Col., aged eighty; another in Iowa, aged seventy-eight; and the third in Wisconsin, aged seventy-five years.

George Carpenter was reared and educated in his native town. He has resided at the homestead most of his life, caring for his parents in their declining years; and he takes much pride in keeping the ancestral acres in a good state of cultivation and the buildings in excellent repair. The farm is a landmark in the town, as a fort for the defence of the settlers once stood upon it, and also the first meeting-house, which was built of logs, and the first framed meeting-house. The present residence, which was remodelled from the second house built on the farm, bears evidence of its antiquity, being about ninety years old; and the old-fashioned outside door is hung on solid barn-door hinges. In politics Mr. Carpenter was formerly a Democrat, but in 1878 he joined the Greenback movement, and he is now a prominent supporter of the People's party. In 1882 he was nominated for Representative to Congress, and in 1884 and again in 1886 he was a candidate for Governor.

Mr. Carpenter married Lucy J. Whitecomb, born at Saxton's River, Vt., daughter of Colonel Carter and Lucy (Baker) Whitecomb.

Mrs. Carpenter was educated in Mount Caesar Seminary, Swansey, under the direction of Professor Joseph C. Barrett and the Rev. S. H. McCollester, D.D., and has since taken the full Chautauqua course. She has acquired considerable reputation as a writer of prose and poetry, and many of her compositions have found their way into print. She is a charter member of Golden Rod Grange, has filled the office of lecturer for the Cheshire County Pomona Grange, and is an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. After the Mount Caesar Seminary building was abandoned as a school, Mr. Carpenter in 1885 purchased and presented it to the Mount Caesar Union Library Association, to be used as a library. Mrs. Carpenter takes a deep interest in the undertaking, acting as president of the Board of Trustees; and through the efforts of this worthy couple the library is already well filled with standard works. There is a museum of antiquarian reliques also connected with the institution, that already contains nearly twelve hundred articles of interest and value.

**C**HARLES H. HADLEY, one of the oldest and best known residents of Goffstown, was born here, October 20, 1823, son of Plummer and Polly (Hadley) Hadley, and grandson of Plummer, Sr., and Mehitable (Messec) Hadley. The grandfather came to Goffstown from Hampstead, N.H., and settled in the western part of the town on a tract of unimproved land. After making a clearing and building a log house, he went back to Hampstead, married Miss Mehitable Messec, and returned with his bride to the home he had prepared. Her wedding present, a heavy draft chain used in logging, proved very useful in the work of clearing their land. He was very successful, and added to his original purchase from time to time. He served in the Revolutionary War and in the War of 1812, and died here in Goffstown when about eighty years of age. After the death of his first wife he entered a second union with Miss Nabby Stevens, who had no children. The children

of his first marriage were: Plummer, Nathaniel, Richard, Betsy, Sally, and Mehitable.

Plummer Hadley, Jr., who was born November 9, 1771, became a representative farmer of this town and a large land-owner. In politics he was a Democrat, but was not an office-seeker, devoting his time exclusively to his farm. In religion he was a member of the Congregational church. He died on the farm his father gave him, January 25, 1861. His wife died January 31, 1856. They had twelve children, born as follows: Clifton, November 27, 1804; Peter E., September 27, 1806; Mary, January 31, 1808; Amiline, July 27, 1809; George P., November 29, 1811; William, September 11, 1813; Martha, January 3, 1815; Clark, August 21, 1816; Eliza, January 28, 1819; Sarah J., March 27, 1821; Charles H., October 20, 1823; and Ann M., August 17, 1825. Of these the survivors are: Clark, a resident of West Manchester; Martha, now living on the old farm in Goffstown; and Charles H., the subject of this sketch.

Charles Henry Hadley received his education in the district schools. In his early days he engaged in mechanical labor. For the past fifteen years he has resided here, occupied in general farming. Besides the old home farm, which was inherited from their father, he and his sister own a large tract of land. In politics Mr. Hadley is a Democrat. He is a member of Bible Lodge, F. & A. M., at Goffstown. Both he and Martha are attendants of the Congregational church.

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**G**EORGE W. COLBY, an esteemed resident of Goffstown, and a native of Lowell, Mass., was born February 6, 1830, son of Jonathan G. and Asenath (Morrill) Colby. Samuel Colby, the father of Jonathan G., served in the War of 1812. He was a carpenter by trade, and he followed that occupation during his active life in Unity and Weare, N.H. Jonathan G. learned blacksmithing when a young man, and worked at that trade for a time. He afterward took up shoemaking, which he also followed for a period. The greater part of his life was spent

in Weare. In politics he was a Jacksonian Democrat, and he served the community as a Representative to the legislature and as Selectman. He died at Weare, December 30, 1843. His wife, Asenath, died March 25, 1848. They had three sons, namely: Andrew J., born May 15, 1834, who died April 16, 1853; George W., the subject of this sketch; and Charles W. born March 14, 1831.

George W. Colby was about twelve years old when his father died. The early years of his life were spent in Weare, Manchester, and Concord. He attended school in the different places, finishing with the high school at Concord. When eighteen years old he became a carpenter's apprentice. Having learned the trade, he has since become a master workman. After his marriage he settled in Weare, where he carried on business until 1882, erecting many of the best buildings in the town and vicinity, including the Union Congregational Church edifice at Weare. About fifteen years ago he came to Goffstown, where he has continued in the building business. He gives employment to from four to twelve workmen, according to the contracts on which he is engaged. His work is principally in Goffstown, New Boston, and vicinity. He has a nice residence in Goffstown.

On March 3, 1857, Mr. Colby married Melissa Cilley, who was born in Weare, October 10, 1830. She is a daughter of Amos W. and Mehitable (Melvin) Cilley, both of whom have passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Colby have two daughters, namely: Elvira J., who married Almus W. Morse, of East Manchester, and has one daughter, Ada B.; and Lucy A., the wife of John G. Dodge, of Goffstown. Constantly active in politics, Mr. Colby is now the president of the Lincoln Republican Club. In 1872-73, while a resident of Weare, he was a legislative Representative at Concord. He held the office of Selectman five years, and he served as Moderator for ten years. In Goffstown he has been a Selectman for three years, and assisted materially in the establishment of the fire and water system. On April 1, 1897, he was appointed Deputy Sheriff; and he is a prominent

member of Bible Lodge, F. & A. M., and belongs to Mount Horeb Chapter, R. A. M. He has also membership in Webster Lodge, No. 24, I. O. O. F., of which he is a Past Grand and District Deputy; and in Uncanoo-nuck Lodge, P. of H. Both he and Mrs. Colby are attendants of the Congregational church.

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**B**URT BACON, carpenter, stone mason, and farmer, a prominent citizen of Jaffrey, N.H., was born in this town on February 13, 1851, son of Charles and Eliza J. (Leathers) Bacon. He belongs to one of the old families of Jaffrey, and is a scion of Colonial and patriotic stock, being a great-grandson of Oliver Bacon, born probably in Plymouth, Mass., in 1755, who is mentioned in Heitman's "Register of the Officers of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War," as Sergeant, Second New Hampshire Regiment, in 1777; Ensign, 1781; and Lieutenant, April 13, 1782, to close of the war; and who died in 1835. Lieutenant Bacon's name also occurs in the State papers of New Hampshire Revolutionary rolls. His father was the Rev. Jacob Bacon, graduate of Harvard College, 1731.

Mr. Burt Bacon's grandfather, Jacob Bacon, son of Oliver, was among the well-known citizens of this town in the early half and middle of the century. He was a farmer by occupation and in religious faith a Universalist. His wife was before her marriage a Sawyer. They had four children—Oliver, Martha, Charles, and Rebecca.

Charles Bacon, the father, above named, was born in September, 1815. He received his school training in the public schools of the town; and, when it came time for him to decide what should be his work in life, he chose to follow in the footsteps of his father and to become a farmer. He married Eliza J., daughter of James Leathers, of Peterboro, this State; and she bore him six children, four of whom are living, the son Burt being the only one residing in Jaffrey. The following is a brief record of his brothers and sisters: Frank died at the age of four, and Omar at the

age of eight years; Abbie J. has been twice married, is now Mrs. Winslow Chaffin, and lives at Worcester; Hattie and Fred also reside at Worcester, the former unmarried. Fred is married and has one child. Mrs. Charles Bacon died in 1897, the present year.

Burt Bacon attended the common schools, and after completing his studies worked for a time in general merchandise stores in Peterboro, N.H., and Worcester, Mass. Subsequently he was employed in a shop at Worcester, Mass., and then he came to Jaffrey and bought a farm. Since settling in Jaffrey, he has worked at carpentering and stone masonry, and has also continued to carry on agricultural labors. Mr. Bacon has been quite active in town affairs. He is now holding the office of Selectman, and has been in the same position several times before. Any movement for the improvement of the town or for the general welfare of the public finds in him a ready champion, and he never allows personal preference or private considerations to interfere with his judgment in looking after the interests of the town. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Bacon married Emma F., daughter of David A. Coburn, of Jaffrey. She was born in 1852 at Lowell, Mass., and died in November, 1896, having been the mother of five children; namely, Maud E., Alice E., David C., Charles W., and Burt, Jr. All these children are living at home with their father. Mr. Bacon is a Free Mason and an active member of the grange, and has been through the chairs of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He attends the Universalist church.

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**W**ARREN J. AYER, a well-known merchant of Manchester, also engaged in farming in Goffstown, was born here, June 25, 1847, son of Robert and Elizabeth J. (Paige) Ayer. Robert Ayer, a native of Haverhill, Mass., born August 14, 1791, spent the earlier years of his life engaged in mercantile business in different places. From 1841 to 1853 he conducted a store in Manchester. In the following year he purchased and settled on a farm in Goffstown,

where he afterward carried on general farming. He was twice married, his first union being with Miss Louisa Samborn, of Kingston, N.H., who bore him six children. By his last wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth J. Page, and who died February 10, 1893, there were four children. The surviving children are: Benjamin F., of Chicago, Ill.; Emily J., the widow of D. C. Warner, M.D., late of Plaistow, N.H.; and Warren J. and Clara I. Ayer, who live together. The others were: Andrew J., Horace G., George, and three that died in infancy.

Warren J. Ayer grew to manhood in Manchester, acquiring his education in the schools of Manchester, Goffstown, and at Henniker Academy. Beginning his career as a workman in a sash and blind factory, he was for ten years employed at different kinds of mechanical labor. In 1879 he engaged in business on his own account in Merrimac, N.H., where he remained until 1893. Then he came to Manchester and started the general store he now conducts. He deals principally in farm produce and groceries. He also carries on a farm that he owns in Goffstown, where the family spend the summer, their winter home being the residence which he owns at West Manchester. The farm home commands one of the finest views in Hillsboro County. Looking from it, before one lies the city of Manchester; near at hand are snug farm-houses, woodlands, and cultivated fields; beyond are streams and villages. On a clear day the White Mountains may be seen, while in other directions smaller ranges are nearly always visible. There is a good orchard on the farm, and many choice varieties of fruit are grown.

On May 21, 1871, Mr. Ayer and Miss Hatzie Hart, of Amherst, Me., were united in marriage. They have two sons and three daughters — Mary L., Frances P., Clara J., George W., and Thomas P. Mr. Ayer has always been a Republican partisan. He is a member of the Golden Cross Order at Merrimac, also of the Patrons of Husbandry at Grasmere. In religious belief he is a Congregationalist, and he has been a Deacon in the church of that denomination at Merrimac.

A zealous church worker, he is superintendent of the South Main Street Congregational Sunday-school, Manchester. Mr. Ayer is also a member of the West Central Congregational Club.

**H**ANDEL A. SMITH, a well-known citizen of Milford, was born in this town, February 1, 1830. His grandfather, Sylvanus Smith, who was a farmer by occupation, came here from Shirley, Mass. With him was Abbott Smith, then four years old, who subsequently engaged in the same occupation as his father. Abbott married Betsey Gray, of Wilton, N.H., daughter of Joseph and Chloe (Abbot) Gray. Joseph Gray, who was known as Adjutant Gray, served with that rank in the Revolutionary War.

Handel A. Smith is a son of Abbott Smith. He was brought up in Milford on his father's farm, attending the public schools, where he acquired the most of his education. Afterward, through an extensive reading, he largely increased his knowledge. At the age of twenty he obtained employment on the Boston & Lowell Railroad, where he remained but a limited period. Owing to his father's ill health and subsequent death he returned to Milford, and took charge of the homestead farm, which was sold shortly after. He then came to Milford village, where for a short time he was engaged in the manufacture of shoes. He next took up farming in the town of Milford, but soon resumed shoemaking in the village. After this he was employed as a clerk in various lines of business for a number of years, but since 1894 he has been practically retired. At present he is a trustee of the Milford Savings Bank.

Mr. Smith was married June 6, 1855, to Marinda A. Burns, a native of Milford. She is a daughter of the late John Burns, of Milford, who died in 1875. Mr. Burns had three other children, namely: Susan E., now the widow Converse, of East Kingston, N.H.; Daniel W., a resident of Milford; and Maria A., the widow Hamblett, of Milford. Mrs. Smith is a distant connection of Prudence

Cummings of Revolutionary fame, who, when defending the bridge at Pepperell, Mass., captured Captain Whiting, the Tory, who was carrying despatches for the British.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith had two children — Edwin H. and Charles W. — both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Congregational church. Mr. Smith is a Republican in polities. He is a public-spirited man, and is always ready to assist in improving his native place. Both he and his wife are highly esteemed in Milford.

**J**OHN B. BISHOP, a stirring and successful business man of Hillsboro County, is well performing his part in developing the native resources of this part of New Hampshire, owning and working a granite quarry in the town of Milford, besides which he makes a specialty of handling the "light new Westerly granite." He was born January 11, 1857, in the Province of Quebec, Canada, which was also the birthplace of his parents, John B. and Adelaide Bishop, the former of whom, now past seventy years of age, is a resident of Milford, while the latter is no longer living.

John B. Bishop, Jr., resided in the Province of Quebec until fourteen years old, when he came with his parents to Milford, N.H. Here he completed his school studies, and at the age of fifteen years began the battle of life on his own account. He worked for many years during seed-time and harvest as a farm laborer, while in the winter seasons he was engaged as a wood-chopper. In 1881 he began working as a quarryman, being employed for some time in getting out stone, and later working at stone cutting. In 1886 Mr. Bishop purchased the thirty-five acres of land on which his quarry is located, and which he has since operated with profitable financial results. Among the manufactures of granite for which he is famed are edgestones, window-sills, flagging, and general building materials. He has been, in truth, the architect of his own fortunes, his present prosperity being entirely due to his own persistent energy and wise foresight.

December 25, 1880, Mr. Bishop married Miss Stephanie Belanger, of South Lyndeboro, N.H., and they have one child, a daughter named Eugenia. Politically, Mr. Bishop supports the principles of the Republican party by voice and vote. Religiously, he is a member of the Roman Catholic church.

**A**LVIN JOSIAH BEMIS, for many years a leading business man of Jaffrey, N.H., where he is still a resident, was born in the adjoining town of Dublin on August 18, 1821, son of Josiah and Sybil (Emery) Bemis. His paternal grandfather was James Bemis, who was born at Marlboro, N.H., and lived in that town until he was eighteen years of age, when he ran away, and became a soldier in the Continental army during the war of the Revolution. After the war he settled in Dublin, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was a farmer and highly respected. At one time he served as Sheriff. He was twice married, his first wife being Hannah, daughter of Jonathan Frost, and his second wife Lois Walker. By the second marriage were eight children; namely, Hannah, James, Lois, Thomas, Josiah, Betsey, Eli, and Mercy.

Josiah Bemis, father of Alvin J., was born in Dublin, N.H., on August 20, 1795, and died on March 12, 1852. He was a lifelong farmer and shoemaker, and a member of the Baptist church. His first wife was Esther Riggs. His second was Sybil Emery, daughter of William Emery, of Jaffrey. Mrs. Sybil Emery Bemis was born on March 25, 1794, and died on December 21, 1832. Her two children were: Alvin J. and James E. Bemis. James E., the younger son, who was born in Dublin, N.H., in 1824, died in May, 1896. He was married, but had no children. He resided for some forty years at Jaffrey, engaged in the manufacture of woodenware.

Alvin J. Bemis attended the public schools of the town of Dublin, and began his working life by learning the trade of making pails at Hinsdale, N.H. He was at Hinsdale for about two years, and he subsequently worked

for two years in a box shop at Jaffrey. In company with his brother he then began making woodenware at Jaffrey, and was for forty-one years successfully engaged in that business. In addition to this he carried on for about six years, in partnership with Walter L. Goodnow, a large general store, his interest in which he sold out to Mr. Goodnow in 1881.

Mr. Bemis married May Greenwood, daughter of Daniel Greenwood, of Marlboro. She was born on December 22, 1823, and has been the mother of two daughters; namely, Mary J. and Emma S. Mary J. Bemis was born at Jaffrey on October 5, 1845, and died in 1873. She married in 1865 Fred Prescott, and became the mother of a daughter, Mabel, who was born on August 26, 1866. Mabel Prescott married Will C. Coolidge, of Boylston, Mass. They have three children, namely: Alvin J., born August 5, 1889; Winifred, born April 22, 1891; and Doris, born May 11, 1895. Emma S. Bemis was born on June 21, 1853, and was married to Walter L. Goodnow on July 25, 1874, the day previous to her death.

Mr. Bemis has been a trustee of the Savings Bank for some years. An energetic, enterprising, and capable man of business, one who has been an important factor in developing the industrial interests of Jaffrey, he is a highly esteemed citizen.

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**F**RANK O. LAMSON, the present treasurer of the Mont Vernon (Hillsboro County) School Board, and a representative citizen of this town, was born here, October 20, 1858, a son of William O. and Orindia (Odell) Lamson.

His great-grandfather was a pioneer in Mont Vernon, settling on the farm where the subject of this sketch now resides, when it was covered with timber. This farm has since remained in the family, William, son of the pioneer, succeeding him in its ownership, and he in turn being succeeded by William O., the father of Frank O. William O. Lamson was educated in the common schools of Mont Vernon. He was successful as an agriculturist, and during the winter season was for

many years engaged also in lumbering. For some years he was a member of Prospect Grange of Mont Vernon. He died July 12, 1896, his wife, Orindia, having passed away many years before, November 24, 1874. Five of their children are living, namely: Harriet F., wife of Henry Kelso, of New Boston, N.H.; Mariette A., a resident of Mont Vernon; Ellen O., wife of Lendall Dodge, of New Boston; Ida H., wife of Woodbury L. Perham, of Wilton, N.H.; and Frank O. The father was a stanch Republican, politically.

Frank O. Lamson grew to manhood on the homestead, and was educated in the public schools of Mont Vernon and at McCollom Institute. The homestead, of which he has become the owner, contains over two hundred acres of land, and he carries on general farming with excellent success.

On January 9, 1890, Mr. Lamson married Miss Marcia E. Batchelder, who was born in Mont Vernon, daughter of George G. and Mary E. Batchelder. Her father has passed away, but her mother survives, and is a resident of Mont Vernon. Mr. and Mrs. Lamson have a son and a daughter, namely: Albert B., born July 31, 1891; and Ella M., born March 5, 1895.

Mr. Lamson is a Republican in polities. He has served in various town offices. He has been Selectman, was six years on the School Board, a portion of the time as treasurer and as chairman, and has served as Road Commissioner. He is a member of Prospect Grange.

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**G**EORGE A. PORTER, a prosperous farmer of Marlboro, was born upon the farm he now owns and occupies, January 9, 1828, son of Levi W. and Sally (Sawyer) Porter. His grandfather, Asa Porter, who was born in Weymouth, Mass., November 3, 1756, served in the Revolutionary War, participating in several of the famous battles. Asa came here about the year 1786, and for a time resided in a dugout, called the tomb. Later he bought a tract of wild land, now known as the farm of the late Fuller

Clark. This he cleared and cultivated, and on it erected a house, which is still standing. His death occurred December 1, 1852, at the age of ninety-six years. He married Eunice Williams, who, born in Groton, Mass., July 23, 1760, died December 18, 1821, aged sixty-one years, four months, and twenty-six days.

Levi W. Porter, a native of Marlboro, born March 21, 1795, was reared to agricultural pursuits. After his marriage he settled upon the farm where his son now resides, tilled the soil successfully during the rest of his active period, and kept a hotel in the days when stages ran from Keene to Boston. He served on the Board of Selectmen for several years, represented his district in the legislature for three terms, was highly esteemed by his fellow-townsmen, and died April 6, 1867. His wife, Sally, who was a native of Sharon, N.H., and a daughter of Moses Sawyer, became the mother of three sons. These are: Moses S., who resides in Leominster, Mass.; Levi W., a resident of the same place, who is engaged in a manufacturing industry; and George A., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Levi W. Porter died August 19, 1866, aged sixty-eight years, ten months, and eight days.

After acquiring his education in a district school and an academy, George A. Porter taught school at Jaffrey, N.H., for one term. When his mother died, he bought the home farm, and he has since carried it on successfully. Besides the homestead of one hundred and sixty acres and fifty acres of adjoining land, he owns some valuable timberland near the village, and three houses in the village, which he rents to advantage. His ability and interest in the welfare of the town are appreciated. He served upon the Board of Selectmen during the Civil War, was Collector for one year, and he is a member of the local grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

On October 24, 1861, Mr. Porter married Lucy A. Smith, who was born June 22, 1839, daughter of Joseph and Anna M. (Gates) Smith, of Fitchburg, Mass. She is the mother of two sons: George Wilbur, who is employed on the electric street railway of Fitchburg; and Joseph Warren, who resides at home with his parents. In politics Mr.

Porter is a Republican, and he cast his first vote for General Winfield Scott in 1852. The family attend the Congregational church.

**J**OHN M. BURNS, a well-to-do agriculturist of the town of Milford, was born May 17, 1829, on the old Burns homestead, where he now resides, son of the late Captain Peter and Sallie (Duncklee) Burns. The Burns family from which he springs was prominent for many years in Scotland, and was distinguished by a coat of arms. A more extended account of this family will be found in the biography of Luther M. Burns.

Mr. Burns was reared to man's estate on the home farm, receiving his education in the district school. Then he learned the trade of millwright, which he afterward followed for many years in New England. In 1861 he went to Pittsburg, Pa., and was there identified with a company engaged in the manufacture of flax machinery. In Pittsburg he invented and manufactured a machine, said to be the first of its kind, for spinning flax tow. Returning then to Milford, Mr. Burns was here employed for a time as a builder and contractor. In 1871 he went to Boston, Mass., where he was subsequently employed for several years in the construction department of the Boston & Lowell Railroad, superintending in that period the erection of the company's large passenger station. From Boston Mr. Burns went to Manchester, this State, having accepted the position of superintendent of the construction department of the Amoskeag Mills. Since his retirement from mechanical occupations some time ago, he has made his home in Milford, living on the old homestead of which John Burns, his ancestor some five generations removed, was the original owner. This property contains sixty-five acres of land. He also owns village property in Milford. In politics he is identified with the Republican party.

Mr. Burns was united in marriage April 15, 1852, with Miss Adaline F. Wyatt. She is a daughter of Foster and Mary (Gregg) Wyatt, and a sister of the wife of Luther M. Burns,

his brother, whose marriage took place at the same time. Samuel Wyatt, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Burns, was Lieutenant of a company in the Revolutionary War. Mr. and Mrs. Burns have but one child, Willis L. Burns, who resides with his parents on the home farm, assisting in its management. A young man of unusual ability and intelligence, Mr. Willis L. Burns represented the town in the State legislature for two terms. He married Miss Amanda M. McDongal, and has three children — Margie L., Daisy M., and Gladys A.

**T**HOMAS D. WINCH, a well-known merchant of Peterboro, was born in Sullivan, this State, October 10, 1847, son of Thomas and Clarissa (Towne) Winch. His grandfather, who was a farmer of Sullivan, had seven children that reached maturity. Thomas Winch, born in Sullivan in 1815, was chiefly engaged in farming. From Sullivan he removed to Langdon in 1854; and he died in Marlow, N.H., at the age of eighty-one. His wife still lives in Marlow. In religious belief Mr. Winch was a Congregationalist, and his daily life evidenced the fact that he practised as well as believed in the Golden Rule. Previously a Whig, he became a Republican upon the formation of that party, and thereafter ardently supported its principles. He was Selectman of Langdon for a time, and also represented it in the legislature in 1861-62. Of his four children three are living, namely: Charles, who married Abbie Hubbard, and has five children; George, who married a Miss Holden, and has one child; and Thomas D., the subject of this sketch. After graduating from Dartmouth College, George took up the profession of teacher, and for the last four years has been master of a grammar school in Manchester, N.H.

After leaving the schools of Langdon, Thomas D. Winch worked for two years in a general merchandise store of Peterboro, and for one year each respectively in a store at Ayer Junction and one in Keene, N.H. Following this, he went to Marlow, N.H., and started in business under the firm name of

Towne & Winch. Having remained there two years, he returned to Peterboro in 1872, and was engaged in a milling business up to 1884. Then, after a year spent in Boston, he formed with Mr. M. E. Field the partnership that still exists. Messrs. Winch & Field conduct a general merchandise store, to which the exceptional quality of their goods and their accommodating business methods have attracted a large number of customers.

On June 15, 1870, Mr. Winch married Josephine A. Nichols, daughter of Luther Nichols, of Peterboro. Mr. Winch is a Unitarian in religious belief. In politics he is a Republican. He belongs to Golden Cross of Peterboro. Both he and Mrs. Winch are ever ready to aid any movement for the general good.

**J**OHN A. BOUTELLE, an experienced agriculturist and a capable business man of Amherst, was born November 1, 1836, in Antrim, N.H., son of the late James C. Boutelle, Jr. His grandfather, James C. Boutelle, Sr., was for many years an esteemed resident of Antrim. The father was born and reared in Antrim. In 1844 he removed to Milford, this county, where he died while yet in the vigor of manhood, March 27, 1855. He left with their mother five children, of whom James C., of Milford, and John A. are living.

John A. Boutelle received his school education in Hillsboro County. He was eight years old when he accompanied his parents to Milford. At the age of sixteen, soon after the death of his father, he came to Amherst, where he has since resided. Beginning life as a laborer, he saved his money until he had sufficient to warrant him in buying the one hundred acres constituting his present homestead. Since then he has carried on mixed husbandry and lumbering with signal success. By his honorable methods of business he has won the esteem of all with whom he has come in contact. Mr. Boutelle is an adherent of the Republican party. He is a member of Souhegan Grange of Amherst and of the Masonic Lodge of Milford.





ZACHARIAH SHATTUCK.

On October 27, 1860, Mr. Boutelle married Miss Chastina Duncklee, daughter of Porter and Mary A. (Buxton) Duncklee. Both parents of Mrs. Boutelle were born and reared in Milford, and there spent nearly a half-century. About 1849 they removed with their family to Amherst, where they spent their remaining years. When they had been husband and wife for fifty years, they celebrated their golden wedding. Shortly after they died, the husband in 1884, and the wife in 1887. Of their children three others are living, namely: Mrs. Caroline McGaffey, of Milford; Kate A., of the same town; and Mary A., the wife of Brooks R. Came. Carrie L., the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Boutelle, died January 26, 1884, leaving one child—Lizzie Boutelle MacKay, who lives with her grandparents.

**F**RANK S. HARRIS, of Harrisville, the well-known manufacturer of boxes and woodenware novelties, was born March 16, 1862, at Troy, N.H., son of William A. and Sarah E. (Fife) Harris. His grandfather, Stephen Harris, who was born in Richmond, N.H., removed when a lad with his parents to Swanzey. Subsequently Stephen became a resident of Troy, where he spent the rest of his life. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits. His children were: Elisha, Stephen, Jr., Willard, William A., Lucy Emeline, and Lydia.

William A. Harris, born at Swanzey, August 29, 1825, died July 10, 1885. He was a farmer and a painter, and he spent the greater part of his active business life in Troy. He served the town as Selectman and Tax Collector, and was a constant attendant at the services of the Universalist church. His wife, Sarah, a daughter of Timothy Fife, of Troy, was born May 23, 1826, and died July 28, 1897. She was the mother of five children, namely: William F., who died in infancy; Fred A., born May 13, 1856; Will H., born September 18, 1857; Aurilla M., born October 2, 1859; and Frank S., born March 16, 1862. Fred A., who resides at Keene, where he is employed in a box manufactory, married Ida

E. Bliss, of Jacksonville, Vt. She was born August 11, 1857, and is the mother of three children. Will H. resides at East Sullivan, N.H., and is engaged in milling and farming. He married Lizzie M. Davis, of Stoddard, who was born March 12, 1858, and has two children. Aurilla M., now residing in Troy, has been on the School Board of that place for some time, and devotes considerable attention to school affairs.

Frank S. Harris began to work for his living as a telegraph operator and assistant station agent at Troy on the Fitchburg Railroad. After five years spent in that position he engaged in his present business with O. C. Whitcomb. In 1892 the business was removed from Troy to Harrisville, where it is at present located. Messrs. Harris & Whitcomb manufacture blocked-corner wooden packing boxes, fancy boxes, children's tool chests, scholars' companions, and many toys and novelties. Their goods are sold all over the United States, and some are sent to foreign markets. Mr. Harris married Addie Eleanor Willard, who was born in January, 1857, daughter of Zophar Willard, of Harrisville. She and her husband attend the Congregational church. Mr. Harris is a member of the fraternity of Free & Accepted Masons.

**Z**ACHARIAH SHATTUCK, an extensive farmer and a lifelong resident of Nashua, who died February 20, 1893, was born January 24, 1816. His parents, Abel and Alice L. Shattuck, resided in Nashua for the greater part of their lives. Abel Shattuck was for many years engaged in mercantile business in this town, and also carried on a farm. He was an able, energetic business man, and his sturdy adherence to principles of honesty and integrity was appreciated and commended by his fellow-townsmen. His last days were passed upon his farm. He was the father of four sons and three daughters. The only one of his children now living is his son, George Shattuck, a resident of Pepperell. The others were: Joseph, Mary, Abel G., Sophronia, Esther S., and Zachariah, the subject of this sketch.

Zachariah Shattuck was reared at the homestead, and his education was acquired in the schools of Nashua. At an early age he began to assist in the work of the home farm, and the practical training he received in his youth was the means of his attaining marked proficiency in agricultural pursuits. Succeeding to the possession of the homestead, which contains four hundred acres of excellent pasturage and tillage land, he devoted himself diligently to its management. His progressive tendencies led him to enhance its value by the introduction of improvements; and he not only erected the present substantial residence, but remodelled the other buildings. He was regarded as one of the leading farmers and representative men of this community; and his death, which occurred in his seventy-eighth year, was the cause of sincere regret. He possessed to a high degree sterling characteristics that necessarily won the esteem and admiration of his neighbors and business associates, and his family have every reason to be proud of his honorable record. Politically, he supported the Republican party. He was an attendant of the Congregational church.

On February 22, 1870, Zachariah Shattuck was united in marriage with Matilda P. Chase. She was born in Milford, N.H., November 24, 1843, and is a daughter of the late Jonathan and Diana Chase. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shattuck. One died in infancy. The living are: Lillian M., Edward Z., and Alice L., all of whom are residing at home with their mother. Mrs. Shattuck possesses much energy and executive ability. She still occupies the homestead, and manages the farm with the assistance of her son.

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CHARLES P. JEFTS, the chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Stoddard, was born in this town, March 23, 1848, son of Gilbert and Eliza (Eaton) Jefts. Jonathan Jefts, the father of Gilbert, resided in Stoddard, and was a well-to-do farmer and a member of the Masonic fraternity. By his wife, Nancy Richardson Jefts, he was the father of four children—Jonathan, Gilbert, Betsey, and Salome.

Gilbert Jefts, who was born in Stoddard, February 22, 1802, tilled the soil in his native town during the greater part of his life, and was highly esteemed for his many commendable qualities. Though not an aspirant to public office, it was his custom to freely express his views at town meetings, and his counsel was generally considered both sound and practicable. His religious belief was the Universalist. He died October 1, 1880. Eliza Jefts, his wife, who was born in Sullivan, N.H., June 10, 1806, became the mother of nine children; namely, Harvey, Lucretia, Merrill, Cyrus, Lucinda, George R., Eliza, Charles P., and another child who died in infancy. Harvey and Lucretia died young; Merrill died at the age of twenty years; and Lucinda, who died in August, 1870, at the age of thirty-three years, married George Friend, of Marlow, N.H., and had one daughter, Jennie B. Cyrus Jefts, who owns and operates a saw-mill in Ashburnham, Mass., married Roxana Blodgett, and has four children—Fred A., Charles I., Walter E., and Adella M. George Jefts, a farmer of Stoddard, married Elizabeth Carr, and has had seven children—Hermon E., Mary L., Anna G., Henry N., Walter M., Hiram L., and John L. Eliza is the wife of Riley Barrett, one of the successful agriculturists of this town, and has one son, Martin H. Mrs. Gilbert Jefts died July 7, 1892.

Charles P. Jefts was educated in the common schools of his native town. When his studies were completed he went to Marlboro, Mass., where he was employed in a shoe factory for some time. Upon his return to Stoddard he engaged in farming, an occupation he has since followed energetically and with success. He also manufactures shingles. In politics he is a Democrat. He has served the town as Supervisor, and he has been a member of the Board of Selectmen for four years, and is now the chairman of the Board.

Mr. Jefts married Hannah M. Carr, of Stow, Mass., and now has six children. These are: Emma L., who is residing at home; Stella C., a tailor in Keene, N.H.; Hattie L., a graduate of Cushing Academy, and a school teacher in Swanzey, N.H.;

Eugene R., a student at the Durham Agricultural College; Ida F., an artist and decorator of pottery, residing in Keene; and Alva C., who resides at home. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

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**A**RTHUR H. MILLER, an influential business man of Peterboro, and son of the late John R. Miller and his wife, Ellen, was born in Peterboro, January 5, 1863. His grandfather, Jesse Miller, born in Peterboro, July 6, 1791, was engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his life, and died September 6, 1885, at the age of ninety-four years. Jesse's wife, in maidenhood Asenath Bonner, who was born May 28, 1796, died March 10, 1868.

John R. Miller, son of Jesse and Asenath Miller, was born November 6, 1828. He received his education in the town schools. At the age of fifteen he commenced to learn the printer's trade in the office of the New Hampshire *Courier* at Concord. Having done so, he returned to Peterboro, entered the employ of a printer named S. P. Brown, and subsequently succeeded to the business. In company with K. C. Scott, he issued the first number of the Contoocook *Transcript* on the 27th of May, 1849, and afterward printed it for two years. At the end of that time he sold out to his partner, and went to Western New York, where he worked as a journeyman printer. In December, 1851, after returning to Peterboro, he purchased the only drug store in the town at that time. This he thereafter conducted until his death in 1896. Mr. Miller was appointed Justice of the Peace in 1863, and in 1868 he was qualified to serve in the same capacity throughout the State. In 1891 he was appointed Associate Justice of the Police Court established in that year in Peterboro. On August 17, 1861, Mr. Miller was made Postmaster of Peterboro, which office, by reappointment, he held until January 14, 1892. He was for many years a prominent Odd Fellow, and held many important offices in that order. In 1889 he was a delegate to the New Hampshire Constitutional Convention. For several years he was

Librarian of the town, and was one of the trustees of the Peterboro Savings Bank. Actively interested in town affairs, he served in the capacities of Auditor, member of the School Board, and Supervisor of Schools. In politics, he was a Republican; in religious belief, a Congregationalist. He was twice married. His first wife, Allura A. Moors Miller, at her death left a son, Edward E., born August 23, 1853, now residing in Rochester, N.Y., who married Mary Bolton, and has three children — Allura A., Lotta, and John P. She had another child, Francis A., born June 17, 1858, who died July 25, 1858. The second wife, who is now living in Peterboro, had two children: Arthur H., the subject of this biography; and Harry E., born June 10, 1867, who married Nellie J. Holden, of Saxton's River, Vt., and has three children — Mona G., Olive G., and Earl V.

Arthur H. Miller began his business life as an assistant in his father's drug store. He was admitted as partner in 1885, when the firm name was changed to that of J. R. Miller & Son. Since the death of his father he has continued the business alone. Mr. Miller is unmarried. Following the example of his father, he is a stanch supporter of Republican principles. He is an esteemed Mason of the Peterboro lodge. Cordial, warm-hearted, and generous, and of unquestioned integrity, he has many friends, and is regarded as one of the rising men of the town.

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**T**RA W. JACKMAN, who operates a saw and grist mill in Hillsboro, was born in Bradford, N.H., March 3, 1844, son of Stephen and Sarah (Hoyt) Jackman. His grandfather, Humphrey Jackman, who was born July 16, 1761, moved from Boslawen, N.H., to Bradford during the latter part of the last century, and was engaged in farming for the rest of his active period. An active and intelligent citizen, he was highly esteemed by his neighbors, and was Justice of the Peace for many years. He took a deep interest in religious matters, and was a Deacon of the Congregational church. His death occurred July 10, 1840. He married

Judith Pettengill, who was born July 23, 1761, and died July 30, 1842. They were the parents of nine children, of whom Stephen was the eighth-born. None of them are now living.

Stephen Jackman, father of Ira W., was born in Boscowen, September 13, 1799. He followed the stone mason's trade in early life, but during the greater part of his active years he was engaged in tilling the soil. One of the prosperous residents of Bradford in his day, he enjoyed the respect and esteem of those who knew him for his true and upright character. He was an active member of the Congregational church. He died September 16, 1868. His first wife, Sarah Hoyt, who was a daughter of Daniel Hoyt, of Hillsboro, died at the age of forty years. She was the mother of six children, of whom two are living, namely: Ira W., the subject of this sketch; and Daniel H., who married Alma Graham, of Chicago, Ill., and has one daughter, Myrtle A. Stephen Jackman married, second, a sister of his first wife, and she died leaving no children.

Ira W. Jackman was educated at Bradford Centre, and after leaving school he was for a time engaged in farming. When nineteen years old he came to Hillsboro, and at the age of twenty-one purchased an interest in a saw-mill, which he operated for four years. For the succeeding ten years he was employed in the hosiery-mill carried on by ex-Governor Smith, and he was subsequently engaged in the same business at Laconia for five years. In 1881 he, in company with his brother John, bought the saw and grist mill which he is now carrying on, and since his partner's death he has conducted the mills alone. He deals quite extensively in lumber and grain, and is doing a very profitable business. Politically, he acts with the Republican party. He was chairman of the Board of Selectmen in 1880, and is at the present time serving as Supervisor of the Check List.

Mr. Jackman has been twice married. His first wife was in maidenhood Ella V. Ellsworth, of Gilman-ton, N.H. For his second he wedded Mrs. Nellie Perkins Nichols, of Hillsboro. Mrs. Jackman had two children

by her first husband, of whom one is now living. Mr. and Mrs. Jackman have no children of their own, but have adopted Bertha V. Jackman, a daughter of Mr. Jackman's brother, Humphrey, who died in 1883.

Mr. Jackman is connected with Valley Lodge, I. O. O. F., with the Knights of Pythias, and is treasurer of the Commandery of the Golden Cross, all of Hillsboro. He is prominent among the business men of this section, and his progressive tendencies are recognized and appreciated by his fellow-towners. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church.

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**D**ENNIS R. CHASE, a prominent resident of East Deering, was born upon the farm he now owns and occupies, February 1, 1849, son of Herod and Hannah (Gove) Chase. His grandfather, Moody Chase, was a prosperous farmer of Deering in his day, his death occurring September 22, 1859, at the age of seventy-nine years. The maiden name of his wife was Susan Locke, and he had a family of fourteen children, of whom the only survivors are Rhoda and Lovina.

Herod Chase, father of Dennis R., was born in East Deering in 1806. He was an energetic and useful citizen, and served as a member of the Board of Selectmen for a number of years. In politics he was a Republican. He was the first Postmaster in East Deering, and held the appointment for nineteen years, at his death being succeeded by his son Dennis. His wife, Hannah Gove Chase, who was a daughter of Robert Gove, of Weare, N.H., became the mother of five children, two of whom are living, namely: John F.; and Dennis R., the subject of this sketch. John F. wedded Mary Almy, a native of Massachusetts, and has two children — Almy and Frank S. Herod Chase lived to be eighty-three years old, and his wife died at the age of fifty-four. They were members of the Society of Friends.

Dennis R. Chase acquired a good education in his native town. He taught school for fifteen winters, his summers being devoted

to farming. He and his brother own the homestead property of one hundred and twenty acres. He also owns the place where he lives, together with other real estate, and as a general farmer he is able and prosperous. He also carries on a general store, and is agent for fertilizers, farm machinery, and other agricultural stores.

On February 7, 1870, Mr. Chase was joined in marriage with Mary A. Wilson, daughter of Clark Wilson, of Weare. He has four children, as follows: Hannah A., born February 24, 1877; Etta L., born February 24, 1880; Warren H., born February 1, 1882; and Carrie E., born March 26, 1886.

Politically, Mr. Chase affiliates with the Republican party, and he has held various positions of public trust. After succeeding his father as Postmaster, he continued in that office until 1893, and was in turn succeeded by his wife. Thus the office has remained in the family since its establishment. Mr. and Mrs. Chase are charter members of Wolf Hill Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, with which they have been officially connected, and are very active in its affairs. They attend the Friends' Monthly Meeting at Weare, of which Mr. Chase has been clerk for seventeen years.

**G**EORGE P. LITTLE, of the firm of Putney & Little, general storekeepers at Antrim, Hillsboro County, was born in this town, October 4, 1845, son of William P. and Mary J. (Burns) Little. His grandfather, William Little, who was a native of Hillsboro, N.H., moved to Antrim in 1815. He, William, followed shoemaking for a time, and later built a tannery, which he carried on for the rest of his active years, dying December 18, 1869. He was an Elder of the Presbyterian church. His first wife, in maidenhood Abigail Wells, of Goffstown, N.H., died February 1, 1846, aged sixty-eight years. She was the mother of ten children, of whom William P. was the eldest. But two are living; namely, Sylvester and Frederick I.

William P. Little, father of George P., was born in Antrim, and for a number of years

was engaged in shoemaking. In later life he kept a hotel in the northern part of this town, and was thus employed at the time of his death, which occurred September 1, 1869, at the age of fifty-two years. He was a Democrat in politics and a Presbyterian in religion. His wife, Mary J. Burns Little, whom he married November 12, 1844, was born in Antrim, May 24, 1820. She is still living, and is the mother of three children, as follows: George P., the subject of this sketch; Mary J.; and Ella E. Mary J. married first Frank Dunlap, of Antrim, who died leaving her with two children—Belle and Jeanette. She married, second, Richard Flynn, of Pittsfield, Ill., and by this union has one son, Bernard. Ella E. Little married George Perkins, of Antrim, and her children are: Carl and Mary.

George P. Little was educated in Antrim, and became proficient in music, which he taught for five years. Establishing himself in mercantile business in North Antrim, he remained there until 1890, then becoming associated with L. W. Putney, and carrying on business under the firm name of Putney & Little. Since the death of Mr. Putney he has continued the business without change of style, Mrs. Putney retaining her husband's interest in the concern. Politically, Mr. Little is a Prohibitionist. He has served as Town Treasurer one year and as Selectman two years, and the community has profited by the ability and good judgment he displayed while in office. On March 30, 1870, Mr. Little was united in marriage with Mary A. McIlvain, of Antrim. He is an Elder of the Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Little is a member.

**C**HARLES E. COOKE, formerly a leading resident of Alstead, was born in this town, August 4, 1823, son of Arva and Rhoda (Willard) Cooke. Like most of the families living in this part of New Hampshire, the Cookes are of English origin. The first of the name in Alstead was Josiah, the grandfather of Mr. Charles E., who came from Covington, Conn., and settled

on a farm. His wife, Sarah Emerson Cooke, bore him five children.

Arva Cooke, the second of his parents' children, was born in Alstead in 1795, and died in 1844. He was educated in the common schools. After reaching manhood he engaged in farming, which he followed throughout the rest of his life. He was a prominent man, and took an interest in all public matters. The town had the advantage of his services in the capacity of Selectman for several terms. He was one of those old-time men of whom it used to be said, "His word is as good as his bond." His wife, Rhoda, who belonged to Langdon, was born in 1797, and died in 1844. Their children were: Josiah W., Harriet A., Charles E., Henry C., and Rhoda E., all born in Alstead. Harriet married Sterling G. Anderson, a carpenter of this place, and has one son. Josiah W., who was a farmer and a teacher, married Rosette M. Harrington, of this town, and has one daughter. Henry C. was an importer of millinery stock in Boston. His wife, Ellen A. Doolittle Cooke, has had no children. Rhoda E. married James Easterbrooks, a painter of Newton Upper Falls, Mass., and had a number of children.

Charles E. Cooke was sent to school in his native town, then to Marlow, and later to Keene. After finishing his studies he was engaged for a number of years in farming. Then he started a milling business, having a grist and saw mill. Subsequently he manufactured agricultural implements very successfully for thirty years. He was Town Treasurer for a time, Selectman for seven terms, Justice of the Peace for eighteen years, and legislative Representative in 1863, 1864, and 1865.

Mr. Cooke has been twice married. His first marriage was made with Luthera Holt, of Goshen, whose children by him are: Charles H., Harriet A., and Oliver A. In 1869 he contracted a second marriage with Mrs. Maria H. Beckwith, who was born August 18, 1832. There were no children by this marriage. Charles H. Cooke, the eldest son, born September 27, 1850, received his education in the schools of Marlow, and then learned the foundry business with his father, in which he

has since been engaged. As a citizen he has well sustained the family traditions. He has been on the School Board for a number of terms. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. By his wife, Adella Lewis Cooke, he has been the father of four children — Lena E., Charlotte L., Etta E., and Lewis Clyde. Lena, born June 23, 1877, was educated in the town schools and at Cushing Academy at Ashburnham, Mass. She is a singer of unusual power and sweetness. Charlotte L., born February 18, 1880, who was also educated at Cushing Academy, is now a teacher in the public schools of Alstead. Etta E., born in December 25, 1882, is a pupil in the Alstead schools. Lewis Clyde was born June 28, 1890. Harriet A. Cooke, born April 4, 1853, married S. S. Wilder, of Hadley, Mass., and has three children, born as follows: Alberta L., October 7, 1872; Elizabeth, October 15, 1877; and Richard H., November 22, 1879. Oliver A. Cooke, Mr. Cooke's youngest child, born January 19, 1857, is a book-keeper with a Boston firm dealing in bookbinders' supplies. He is married, and has one child living, Harry A. Cooke.

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**S**ILAS MUNROE SMITH, a successful merchant of Peterboro and a member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Langdon, N.H., February 21, 1847, son of Orrin and Marinda (Patridge) Smith. His paternal grandparents were Ezra and Hannah (Hersey) Smith, the former of whom was born in Winchendon, Mass., September 13, 1778, and the latter in Vermont, August 10, 1779. They settled in Langdon, and were prosperous farming people. Orrin Smith was born in Langdon, November 11, 1807. On June 9, 1836, he wedded Marinda Patridge, daughter of Sylvester Patridge, of Alstead, N.H.; and it is a somewhat noteworthy fact that he and his wife were each one of twins. He resided in Langdon for many years, or until 1862, when he moved to a farm in Peterboro, and remained here for the rest of his life. He was a well-to-do agriculturist, and owned a farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres in this

town, besides valuable real estate in Iowa. He lived to be seventy-six years old, and his wife died at the age of seventy-three. They were the parents of seven children, six of whom are living, namely: Ezra M.; Ervin H.; Albert O.; Silas M., the subject of this sketch; Emma R.; and Alden E.

Silas M. Smith began his education in the schools of Langdon, and at the age of nineteen entered mercantile business in Peterboro as a clerk. Shortly afterward he attended the McCollom Institute at Mont Vernon, N.H., where his studies were completed, he then returning to Peterboro. He continued as clerk for his former employer, G. T. Wheeler, until 1869, at which time he purchased the business which he has since conducted with very satisfactory results. He deals in hardware, paints, oils, groceries, and similar merchandise; and, although the business is carried on under the name of Smith Brothers, he is the sole proprietor. He is also a director of the bell factory in this town. In politics he is a Republican. He served as Tax Collector for one year, and in 1896 was elected a Representative to the legislature.

On November 23, 1871, Mr. Smith was joined in marriage with Marinda K. Parker, daughter of John Parker, of Peterboro; and he has had three children. Of these the only survivor is Arthur Parker, born in August, 1872. He studied two years in Dartmouth College, is a graduate of Peterboro Academy, and is now assisting his father in business.

Mr. Smith belongs to the Knights of Honor of Peterboro. He is a prominent member of the Congregational church, serving upon the financial and other committees, and is superintendent of the Sunday-school. Mrs. Smith is a member of the same church.

**I**SAAC SMITH, one of the leading farmers of Deering, Hillsboro County, N.H., son of Isaac and Pamelia (Stevens) Smith, was born in this town, November 23, 1826. His great-grandfather, Ichabod Smith, was an early settler in Deering, and here cleared a farm upon which he resided for the rest of his life.

Isaac Smith, first, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, improved the farm that is now occupied by his grandson, and he cultivated it for many years. He afterward moved to a farm in Antrim, N.H., and remained for a short time, but passed his last days in Deering, where he died at the age of seventy-five years. He married Nancy Codman, who bore him eleven children, none of whom are now living.

Isaac Smith, second, the eldest of the eleven, and father of the present Isaac Smith, was born in Deering, November 30, 1791. He was a lifelong resident of this town, and his active years were spent in carrying on the homestead farm. A stirring farmer and a useful citizen, he gained the respect and esteem of his fellow-towners through his many estimable qualities. In politics he was a Democrat, and for several years he ably served as Collector of Taxes. He married Pamelia Stevens, a daughter of Calvin Stevens, of Mont Vernon, N.H., and they had ten children, five of whom are living, namely: William Turner; Isaac, the subject of this sketch; Francis G.; Theresa M.; and George D. The others were: Matilda K., Nancy S., Calvin S., Esther P., and Ellen M.

Matilda K. Smith, whose death occurred at Mont Vernon, N.H., about twelve years ago, married Alvah B. Loveren, of Deering, and had five children, namely: Alvah Dexter and Clara M., who both died when quite small; and Edgar H., Arthur D., and Charles L., who lived to manhood. Charles L. Loveren was a jeweller by trade and got up several patents, one a diamond-setting machine of great value. He lived and did business in New York for several years. Overwork at length bringing on a mental trouble, he was taken to the Asylum for the Insane at Worcester, Mass., where he died November 7, 1894, leaving a widow and one daughter, Anna Gertrude. Edgar H. Loveren and his wife, formerly Lizzie Fillebrown, of Nashua, N.H., now reside in Boston, where he is engaged in some business for the city. They have one son, Arthur D. Loveren, who is a mason by trade, married Mrs. Emily DeWolf, and had two daughters. Nancy S. Smith married

Robert P. Tuten, of Cambridge, Mass., who died after eleven years of wedded life, leaving her with seven children, the youngest of whom, Altia, then two months old, died three days later. The other six—Edward, Maria N., Susan R., Sarah T., Robert, and Esther P.—are all living. Edward Tuten resides in Bellefonte, Pa., and has one son. Maria N., now the widow of Alonzo Bruce, of Mont Vernon, N.H., had three children, two sons and a daughter, but the daughter died quite young. Susan R. and Sarah T., both unmarried, the former a dressmaker, the latter cashier of a bank, live together in Ayer, Mass. Robert is married, lives in Michigan, and is editor of a paper; and Esther P. is matron in a home in New York City. Mrs. Nancy S. Tuten died at her son's, in Bellefonte, in 1883. Calvin S. Smith, who married Maria Jewett, of Cambridge, Mass., died in March, 1888, leaving two sons—Herbert L. and Lyman J., both of whom are married. They are employed on the railroad—Herbert as an engineer, residing in Concord, N.H., and Lyman as a brakeman, his home being at Hillsboro Bridge, N.H.

Esther P. Smith married Adam Dickey. They settled in Manchester, N.H., and were the parents of five children—Carrie A., Maria E., William Albert, Theresa, and Laura Josephine. Theresa Dickey died when about two years old. W. Albert married Stella Peaslee, of Weare, N.H. He has a home near his father's, and is foreman of a department in the bobbin shop. Maria Dickey is a teacher in the Vaney School at West Manchester. The three girls live together with their father, their mother having died some fifteen years ago. Theresa M. Smith married January 1, 1857, William Dickey, who died a few years later at their home in Medford, Mass. Her second husband, Deacon Cristy, of New Boston, N.H., after their marriage bought a place in Mont Vernon, N.H., where he died. She is now the wife of John T. McCollom, of that town. She never had any children. George D. Smith married Maggie Baker, of Boston, and had four children, namely: Minnie Grace, who died of consumption when twenty-six years old; Gertrude, who married James Cole, of Boston, and has three children, two girls

and a boy; Walter Eugene, now fireman on some railroad leading out of Boston; Harlan Chester, who married Etta Dutton, of Deering, N.H., May 31, 1897, and is now living in Boston. Ellen M. Smith died when but two years and a half old. William Turner Smith wedded Mary Ann Morgan, of Henniker, N.H. They had a son, named Orren. He was engaged in a paper-mill owned by his father-in-law, when one day, as he was showing a man about the place, his clothing caught in the shafting, and, carrying him over, injured him so that he died. Francis G. Smith married Mary A. Peasley, of Deering, and has three children—Mary, Francis, and Annie. Mrs. Pamelia Stevens Smith died at the age of sixty-four years and twenty eight days. Her husband, Isaac Smith, second, died at the age of sixty-three years.

Isaac Smith, third, was educated in the schools of Deering and Francestown, and resided at home until he was seventeen years old. At that age he went to Boston, where he was employed for a few months as assistant in a store, and was then engaged five years with the New England Glass Company, after which he returned to his native town and bought the homestead property. He later engaged in general mercantile business at Deering Centre, where he remained in trade two years. He then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and taught school during the winter for a number of years. He owns four hundred and thirty-five acres of land, which affords him ample pasturage facilities, and for many years past he has carried on an extensive dairy. He keeps a large number of cows, and ships his milk to Boston.

Mr. Smith has long been identified with the public affairs of Deering, and the ability and faithfulness with which he has discharged the duties of the various offices intrusted to him, have won the confidence and appreciation of his fellow-citizens. He has served, in all, five years as a member of the Board of Selectmen, as Superintendent of Schools six years, and as a member of the Board of Education for seven years. He has also acted as Moderator at town meetings for eighteen years, and represented the town in the legislature for three sessions.

On February 25, 1858, Mr. Smith was joined in marriage with Josephine Whittle, daughter of William and Eliza Whittle, of Deering. Three children have been born of this union; namely, Ermin H., Verto, and Effie E. Ermin H. Smith married Mrs. Anna Forsaith Goodall, and they have a home in West Manchester. Verto is unmarried, and is a paper-hanger in Boston. Effie E. is the wife of Carlton C. Eaton, of Francestown, and has one daughter, Statira H. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**C**HARLES F. PIERCE, a well-known business man of Alstead, and a native of this town, was born February 2, 1861, son of Orville W. and Lydia (Flanders) Pierce. His grandfather was Jacob Pierce, a cabinet-maker and prominent citizen of Alstead. Jacob's children were: Jacob, Orville W., Daniel, Tryphena, Tryphosa, Sarah, Electa, and Samuel. Daniel became a farmer of Chesterfield, married Miss Elmira Black, of New York State, and had three sons—Henry D., David H., and William H. Tryphena married Willard Booth, now a farmer of Ashby, Mass. Tryphosa died young; Sarah became Mrs. Leonard Pierce, of Langdon; and Samuel died in the army.

Orville W. Pierce, born in Alstead, December 6, 1807, died May 3, 1880. He became a mason by trade and followed that occupation, together with farming, throughout his life. He was an expert accountant, and did considerable book-keeping. A Universalist in religious belief, he took a deep interest in church work. He first married Amanda Templeton, of Aeworth, who bore him eight children; namely, Melissa A., Jacob S., Franklin O., Mary A., Orilla, George H., Sarah E., and Harriet A. He contracted a second marriage subsequently with Mrs. Lydia Flanders Burroughs, a widow who was born in Newburyport, Mass., January 14, 1818, and died June 26, 1891. She had two children—Clementine and Charles F. Melissa A. Pierce married Henry Nevers, of Claremont, and died in 1855, when about twenty-four years of age. Mary A. married Charles Gates, a teamster of

New Hampshire, and became the mother of three children: Lillian A., who married Frank Hadley, of Bellows Falls; Minnie O., who became the wife of George Shuman, of Walpole; and C. Fred, who is now deceased. Orilla died in 1862, when about twenty years of age. Hattie married W. F. Inman, of Providence, R.I., a hydraulic engineer and contractor for water-works, and has one child, E. Jesse. Jacob S., a farmer by occupation, married Mary O. Ray, of Walpole, and by her had one daughter—Hattie E., who married Henry Huey. He was a resident successively of Langdon and Walpole. He enlisted in the Fourteenth New Hampshire Infantry during the war, and died from the effect of the hardships endured while in the service. Franklin O., after serving for three months with the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment, re-enlisted in the Fourteenth New Hampshire Regiment, receiving the rank of Sergeant. In the memorable battle of Winchester, disabled by wounds in both feet, he would have been taken prisoner had not gallant Phil Sheridan saved the day by turning defeat into victory and recovering the lost ground on which the wounded hero was lying. He married Mrs. J. Tram Messinger, whose children by him are: Mabel A., who married Frank Proctor; George F.; and Jennie E. The wounds received by him in the war resulted in the loss of a foot. George H., who was a blacksmith in the State of Illinois, died in February, 1877. He married Clara Lease, of Urbana, Ill., and had one son, Arthur. Sarah, who married her brother-in-law, Charles Gates, of Walpole, and had one child, Benjamin F. S., died in 1877. Clementine A., the only daughter of Mr. Orville Pierce by his second marriage, died at the age of fourteen years.

Charles F. Pierce was sent when a lad to the town schools. Afterward he worked at farming for a number of years. During the past seven or eight years he has successively carried on a saw and grist mill. He is always to be found on the side of progress and improvement, and is much respected. His wife's name before her marriage was Frances A. Ware. She was born in Keene, this county, February 2, 1868.

**G**EORGE H. CURRIER, one of the leading farmers and best known residents of Pelham, was born where he now resides, May 29, 1836, son of Simeon and Emily (Hall) Currier. The great-grandfather, Nathaniel Currier, was an early settler in Pelham, where he cleared and improved a good farm. John Currier, the grandfather, a lifelong resident of this town, was a sturdy and industrious tiller of the soil.

Simeon Currier was born in Pelham, October 19, 1803. In his early years he followed the trade of stone-mason in Lowell, Mass., but the greater portion of his life was spent in tilling the soil of the homestead property. Besides making other improvements on the estate, he raised and remodelled the residence. He also owned other real estate. At one time he was a musician in the State militia. In politics he supported the Democratic party. He died February 3, 1881. His wife, Emily, whom he married November 9, 1826, was born in Dracut, Mass., March 29, 1806. She became the mother of six children, four of whom are living, namely: George H., the subject of this sketch; Elmira E., wife of George E. Mitchell, of Medford, Mass.; Sybil A., the wife of David Gage, of Oakland, Cal.; and Helen A., who is residing in Pelham. The others were: Jesse H., who died at the age of fourteen; and Amos Alonzo, who died, aged fifty-six years. Mrs. Simeon Currier is still living, and is exceedingly bright and active for one so venerable in years.

George H. Currier was educated in the common schools of Pelham and at Phillips Academy of Andover, Mass. With the exception of three years spent in a mercantile business in Boston, he has given his attention to agricultural pursuits at the homestead, which fell to his possession. Politically, he is a Democrat. A Selectman during the exciting times of the Civil War, he was both energetic and efficient in procuring recruits and also substitutes for drafted men. He served upon the Board for eleven years, for several years in the capacity of chairman. He was a Representative to the legislature in 1866, 1873, and 1874; he has been a member of the Board of Supervisors and of the School

Board; he was formerly a trustee of the Pelham Public Library; and he is now Collector of Taxes.

On December 18, 1862, Mr. Currier was united in marriage with Aroline Marsh, daughter of Joseph Marsh, of Pelham. Mrs. Currier has had four children—Henry M., Arthur G., Harry E., and Lillian M. Harry E. died at the age of nineteen months. Henry M. married Gertrude H. Hillman, and has one son, Richard H. Arthur G. married Jessie W. Smith, of Lowell. Mr. Currier is connected with the order of the Pilgrim Fathers and is Master of Pelham Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

**F**RANKLIN G. WARNER, M.D., a rising young physician of Antrim, Hillsboro County, N.H., was born in Chestertown, N.Y., January 18, 1863, son of Daniel and Lizzie (Jeffs) Warner. He is of the eighth generation in descent from William Warner<sup>1</sup>, a native of England, who came to America and located in Ipswich, Mass., in 1637.

William Warner<sup>1</sup> died in April, 1642. He had three children, two sons and a daughter; namely, John, Daniel, and Abigail. John Warner<sup>2</sup>, son of William, was born in England in April, 1616. He came to America with his father in 1637, and lived for a time in Hadley, Mass., probably also in Dunstable and Pepperell, as children were born in these towns. He died May 17, 1692. He had nine children, seven sons and two daughters: Samuel, John, Mark, Nathaniel, Daniel, Mehitable, Eleazer, Priscilla, and Joseph.

Samuel Warner<sup>3</sup>, son of John<sup>2</sup>, was born in Dunstable, Mass., in 1640, and died April 3, 1683. He married Minerva Swan on October 21, 1662, and seven children were born to them; namely, Samuel, John, Dorothy, Sarah, Eleazer, Priscilla, and Richard. Richard Warner<sup>4</sup>, son of Samuel<sup>3</sup>, was born in Pepperell, Mass., May 13, 1676, and died in 1767. He had five children: Joseph, who died in infancy; Richard; Mary; Eunice; and Joseph. Joseph Warner<sup>5</sup>, son of Richard<sup>4</sup>, was born in Pepperell, Mass., in 1745, and died in 1817.

He had eight children, five sons and three daughters; namely, Richard, Joseph, John, Daniel, Samuel, Sally, Betsey, and Prudence.

Daniel Warner<sup>6</sup>, son of Joseph<sup>5</sup> and grandfather of Franklin G. of this sketch, was born June 8, 1784, in Townsend, Mass. He spent his life as an agriculturist. By his first wife, Ruth Emery, whom he married on February 14, 1805, he had one child, Daniel. By his second wife, Betsey Hasley, whom he married March 21, 1821, he had six; namely, Nancy, Mary, Ruth, Charles, Lydia, and Henry.

Daniel Warner<sup>7</sup>, son of Daniel<sup>6</sup>, was born June 17, 1806, in Townsend, Mass. He settled upon a farm in Chestertown, N.Y., and tilled the soil with prosperous results until his death, which occurred October 12, 1881, in his seventy-sixth year. In October, 1841, he married Lizzie Jeffs, a native of Townsend, born August 15, 1827. She died November 9, 1865, aged thirty-eight years. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Their six children are all living; namely, Adeline, Charles, Luther, Giles, William, and Franklin George.

Adeline Warner<sup>8</sup>, born August 6, 1844, married Alfred Slocum, August 6, 1860, and has five children: Mary; Amanda; Abby, born in 1867; Andrew, born in 1870; and Archie, born in 1878. The eldest child, Mary Slocum, born in 1861, married George Fish in 1877, and has five children: Harmon, born in 1878; Frank, born in 1881; Leon, born in 1883; Allen, born in 1885; and Bertha, born in 1887. Amanda, the second child of Alfred and Adeline Slocum, born in 1864, married Eugene Perry in 1880, and has four children: Louise, born in 1880; Vernis, born in 1882; Swaine, born in 1885; and Harry, born in 1895.

Charles Warner<sup>8</sup>, born January 29, 1847, was married in 1870 to Mary McLamee, of North Creek, N.Y., and has six children: Nettie, born in 1872; Annie, born in 1874; Harvey, born in 1876; Cora, born in 1886; Harley, born in 1888; and Dora, born in 1891. Luther Warner<sup>8</sup>, born December 27, 1850, married Adelaide Mead, of Chestertown, N.Y., in 1872, and has one child--Harry

Mead Warner, born in 1873. Giles Warner<sup>8</sup>, born December 10, 1855, married Emma Mead, of Chestertown, N.Y., in 1877, and has three children: Mattie, born in 1878; Dora, born in 1880; and Lewis, born in 1883. William Warner<sup>8</sup> was born October 10, 1858.

Franklin George Warner<sup>8</sup>, the special subject of this sketch, son of Daniel<sup>7</sup>, acquired his early education in Glens Falls, N.Y., and was graduated at the University of Vermont in 1888. His professional studies were completed at the medical department of the Albany University in 1892; and, locating in Antrim during that year, he has been in practice here since. His ability as a physician has manifested itself in successful treatment of the many difficult cases that have been intrusted to his charge, and he now has a large and lucrative practice.

On November 6, 1895, Dr. Warner was joined in marriage with Nettie M. Heritage, of Amesbury, Mass. She was born in Providence, R.I., March 11, 1870, and is a daughter of George Heritage. Dr. and Mrs. Warner have one son—Stanley George Warner<sup>9</sup>, born July 6, 1897, in Antrim, N.H.

Politically, the Doctor acts with the Democratic party. He is now serving upon the Board of Health of the town of Antrim. Without seeking public notice outside of his professional work, he has become exceedingly popular, and as a citizen is regarded with cordial respect and esteem. Dr. Warner united with the Methodist Episcopal church at Westertown, N.Y., and his wife is a member of the Congregational church in Newport, N.H.

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**C**HARLES A. STEELE, a well-informed and prosperous farmer of Hudson, was born here, October 25, 1860, son of Charles and Martha A. (Boyd) Steele. His great-great-grandfather, William Steele, was a native of Scotland, whence he came to America about the year 1720, and settled in Hillsboro County some time between then and 1730. William took up wild land, which he cleared and subsequently cultivated with success. His wife, whose maiden name was Janette Mulligan,

came to this country in the same vessel with him. They reared a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters. The sons were: John, Samuel, Moses, William, and Joseph. Samuel was killed at Crown Point in the Revolutionary War. Moses settled in Hillsboro, and William in Hudson, N.H. Of the daughters, only Mary's name is known. William and Janette Steele spent their last years and died on the farm where they settled. The next in line was William, who lived with his parents until their death, carrying on the farm, of which he afterward became the owner. His wife, in maidenhood Mary Barrett, had nine children; namely, Rhoda, William, Osgood, James, Hannah, Margaret, Mary, Moses, and Daniel.

James Steele, the grandfather of Charles A., was considered one of the best farmers in the town of Hudson. He also occupied the old Steele farm, owning all together about five hundred acres, a portion of which was then within the limits of Londonderry. He was well-informed on current events, and took an active part in town affairs. He married Miss Hannah Palmer, and ten children were born of the union. Five of these died in childhood; namely, Sarah, Almira, Harriet, Almira (second), and Kimball. The others, who all attained maturity, were: Charlotte P., Charles, Almira, James H., and Moses. Of these James H. is living. The father died on the home farm, July 5, 1868, and his wife on January 1, 1852. Charles Steele, born in Hudson, May 12, 1821, was an energetic, upright man and a respected and influential citizen. He owned a portion of the homestead, on which he spent his life, successfully engaged in general farming and lumbering. Owing to his business ability and judgment he was elected by his townsmen to a number of offices, including that of Selectman. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion he was a Methodist. His wife, Martha, was born in Londonderry, N.H., September 25, 1821, daughter of Robert and Mary (Town) Boyd. He died April 21, 1890. They had six children, of whom Hannah E., born July 1, 1853, died March 10, 1873. The others are: Harriet, born July 10, 1844, who is the wife of John

N. Martin, and lives in Melrose, Mass.; Mary M., born September 30, 1846, who married Charles W. Spaulding, and lives in Hudson; Martha, born April 13, 1849, who is the wife of James M. Crowell, of Windham, N.H.; Charlotte N., born May 16, 1856, who is unmarried, and lives with her younger brother; and Charles A., the subject of this sketch. The mother resides with her son, Charles A.

Charles A. Steele received his early education in the town and district schools. Afterward he attended the Nashua Literary Institute for a time and the Pinkerton Academy in Derry for two terms. He has followed the calling of his forefathers, and to-day owns the old Steele homestead, which he has had practically in his charge since he was seventeen years of age. In addition he owns a tract of about five hundred acres in this and adjoining towns, and has an interest in much more. Besides carrying on the farm, he also does some teaming.

On December 27, 1882, Mr. Steele was joined in marriage with Miss Lottie A. Reynolds, who was born in Windham, October 10, 1859, daughter of Hiram and Mary (Prescott) Reynolds. Four children have been born of the union, namely: Lena M., on October 27, 1883; Nellie Ida, January 9, 1885; Charles L., June 28, 1888; and Myra C., born November 4, 1890. In politics Mr. Steele is a Democrat. Besides serving in minor offices, he was Selectman for three terms.

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**P**AULATHAN WHITNEY, a prominent citizen of Bennington, N.H., was born in Westminster, Mass., July 20, 1828, son of Smyrna and Ruth (Whitney) Whitney. His genealogy is traced back to John Whitney, the Puritan emigrant, who was the first of his name in America, having settled in Watertown, Mass., before 1635. John Whitney's first wife, Elinor, bore him eight sons, and died May 11, 1650, aged fifty-four years. His second marriage was made with Judith Clement. Made a freeman March 3, 1635, he was Selectman of the town from 1638 to 1655, was made Constable January 1, 1641,

and was the Town Clerk in 1655. His death occurred June 1, 1673. The Whitney Genealogy, by Frederick Clifton Pierce, treats fully of the subject.

Samuel Whitney, the grandfather of Nathan, was a farmer in Westminster all his life. He married Thankful Wilder, and they had four children. Samuel died in Westminster in 1812. Smyrna, his eldest son, who was born in Westminster, March 5, 1786, took up farming in early life. He was, however, fitted for college at New Ipswich Academy, and later on engaged in school teaching. He finally settled down to farming on the old homestead, and became one of the successful and prominent men of the place. He was Selectman for many years, and belonged to the Congregational church. His wife, Ruth, who was a daughter of Nathan Whitney, of Westminster, had seven children, of whom Charles H., Nathan, and George E. are living. Charles H., by his first marriage, which was contracted with Abbie A. Tolman, of Fitchburg, Mass., became the father of two children—Mary A. and Hattie C. His second wife, who came from Dublin, N.H., and whose maiden name was Isabelle H. Hayes, bore him one child, Millie M. George E. Whitney first married Sarah Tolman, of Ashburnham, Mass., who died leaving two children—Frederick W. and Emma L. By his second marriage, contracted with Lura L. Nims, of Roxbury, N.H., there were four children—Charlotte R., Mary B., Ida N., and Ralph E.

Nathan Whitney was educated in the schools and academy of his native place. After leaving school, he worked on the farm for some time. Then he was employed by his brother in the paper-mill at North Reading, Mass. At the end of eight years he went to Fitchburg, where he spent two years, but remained still in the employment of his brother. Then in Claremont, N.H., he hired the Jarvis Paper Mill, and there, with stock furnished by his brother, manufactured paper at so much a ton until 1866. In that year he went to Bennington, N.H., his brother furnished the mill and stock, and he manufactured paper, as before, at a specified rate. Two years later a stock

company was formed, and he was appointed manager. In 1872 he engaged in the manufacture of sashes, doors, and blinds at Keene, N.H., retaining his residence in Bennington. Beginning in 1878, he manufactured wood pulp for about six years. Later he turned his attention again to farming for a while. At present he limits himself to a general oversight of all his business interests.

Mr. Whitney was first married November 27, 1850, to Mary S. Tolman, of Troy, N.H. Of their children Frank E. and Carrie Louise are living. Frank E. married Grace M. Chase, of Rochester, N.H. Carrie Louise became the wife of Charles H. Hadley, of Brooklyn, N.Y., and they have five children now living—Grace L., Bessie E., Charles H., Ruth W., and John C. Mrs. Whitney died March 23, 1861. Mr. Whitney contracted a second marriage November 30, 1864, with Charlotte M. Belcher, a native of Stockbridge, Vt. They have two children—William B. and Edward S. Mr. Whitney and all his family are members of the Congregational church, in which he has been Deacon for eleven years.

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**A**LFRED SAWYER, a well-known dairy farmer and prominent man of affairs in East Jaffrey, Cheshire County, N.H., was born in Sharon, Hillsboro County, this State, August 12, 1831, son of Josiah and Margaret (French) Sawyer. His paternal grandfather also bore the name of Josiah. He was a native of Sharon, and the active years of his life were there spent in tilling the soil. The maiden name of his wife was Martha Wyman, and their children were: Josiah, Polly, and Sally.

Josiah Sawyer, second, father of Alfred Sawyer, was born July 7, 1800, in Sharon, but grew to manhood in Jaffrey, where he was engaged in farming during the greater part of his life. His death, which occurred on September 14, 1864, was caused by an accident. He was esteemed as a capable, well-to-do farmer and useful citizen. His wife, Margaret, who was born in Jaffrey, December 18, 1794, daughter of Thomas French, and died

January 1, 1882, was the mother of eight children, as follows: Cummings; Emily C.; George W.; Alfred, the subject of this sketch; Lydia A.; Adeline H.; Leonard F.; and Levi B.

Alfred Sawyer was reared and educated in Jaffrey, and remained at the parental home-stead for five years after his marriage. He then bought the property which he now occupies. Aside from general farming, extensive dairying, and stock-raising, he has done more probate business than any other man in Jaffrey, settling a large number of estates. Politically, he is a Republican. He was a Selectman eleven years, has served as Supervisor and Overseer of the Poor, has been Justice of the Peace twenty-five years, chairman Board of Trustees of Public Library, trustee of the Savings Bank, and, while a Representative in the legislature, in 1874 and 1875, was a member of the Committee on Mileage. He was actively concerned in establishing the public library, and is deeply interested in forwarding all public improvements. He attends the Congregational church.

Mr. Sawyer married Lucy M. Parker, who was born in Nelson, N.H., July 9, 1829, daughter of Nathaniel B. Parker, of that town. Two children were the fruit of this union, namely: a daughter, Mary A., born September 30, 1855; and a son, Clifton A., born September 11, 1861. Mary A. Sawyer is the wife of Will J. Mower, of this town. Clifton A. Sawyer married Jennie M. Hale, of Rindge, N.H. Their children are: Bernice L. and Roscoe A. Mrs. Sawyer's death occurred January 19, 1892.

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**B**ERTRAM ELLIS, one of Keene's present Representatives in the New Hampshire legislature, is a son of Moses and Emily (Ferrin) Ellis. Born in Boston, Mass., November 26, 1860, he came with his parents to Keene in 1863. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Keene. In the class of 1884 he graduated from Harvard University, and in the class of 1887 from Harvard Law School. He was a clerk in the law offices of Evarts,

Choate & Beaman in New York City from the summer of 1887 to the summer of 1888, and practised law in Denver, Col., from 1888 to 1890. From Denver he returned to Keene in July of the latter year. He became interested in the *Sentinel* newspaper as one of the proprietors in 1893, and in the same year became the editor of the daily and weekly editions of the paper, namely—the Keene *Evening Sentinel* and the New Hampshire *Sentinel*.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Ellis was the president of the Young Men's Republican Club of Keene for five years. He has served as a member of the Board of Education and a trustee of the Elliot City Hospital in Keene, was Aide-de-camp on the staff of Governor Busiel in 1895-96, and is the Representative of Ward 4 in the present legislature. Mr. Ellis is also the secretary for New Hampshire of the Harvard Law School Association. On June 20, 1894, he was united in matrimony at Minneapolis, Minn., with Miss Margaret Louise Wheeler.

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**F**EIL McLANE, formerly a manufacturer of sashes and blinds at New Boston, now living in retirement, was born in Francestown, N.H., January 19, 1816, son of John and Elizabeth (McCullum) McLane. His grandfather, Malcolm McLane, a native of the parish of Learcastle, County Argyle, Scotland, was born in January, 1745. Malcolm married Isabelle Livingston, who was born in the same place in 1755. They came to America in November, 1773, and landed at Boston. The wife's father, John Livingston, had previously settled in New Boston, and was one of the earliest residents of the district. Pressed into military service at the time of the French and Indian War, John Livingston spent seven years in the army, and was at the taking of Quebec. In 1768 he located in New Boston, and there passed the remainder of his life. He owned a great deal of property and was a wealthy man, ranking as one of the leading citizens of the town. Malcolm McLane lived in New Boston and also in Francestown, chiefly, however, in the latter, and was known as a stirring, indus-

trious man and a stanch Presbyterian. His wife died in Francestown in 1804, aged forty-eight years; and he died in the same town in January, 1831, aged eighty-six years. Their children, all of whom attained maturity, were: John, Jane, Daniel, Nancy, Neil, Mary, Isabelle, and Archibald.

John McLane, who was a farmer by occupation, spent an active life in Francestown, Newport, and Fairlee, Vt. A man of character and education, he was County Judge in Orange, Vt., and was at different times State Representative and Selectman, besides serving in certain minor offices. In religious belief he was a Congregationalist. Actively interested in polities, he was a Democrat up to a late period of his life, when he became a zealous Free Soiler. He died in Fairlee in 1851, at the age of sixty-seven; and his wife died in New Boston, in 1882, aged ninety-one years. Of their fourteen children, all of whom grew up, five are living, namely: Neil, the eldest and the subject of this sketch; Charles, who lives in Goffstown; Rodney, who resides in New Boston; Nancy, also a resident of the latter place; and Robert E., who lives in Phillipston, Mass.

Neil McLane resided in Francestown until 1845, living for a part of the time with his grandfather, who died when the boy was but fifteen. His opportunities for obtaining an education and a start in life were very limited. He spent six years working on a farm for ten or twelve dollars a month after attaining his majority. Then locating in New Boston, he and his brother Rodney engaged in the manufacture of sashes, doors, and blinds. Though they began in a humble way, they prospered steadily, and soon had a large factory and a thriving business. They conducted the industry until 1887, when they disposed of it and retired. Mr. McLane has been Justice of the Peace for forty years, and was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1888-89. In politics he has been a Republican since the formation of the party. In religious belief he is a Congregationalist, and both he and his wife have been members of the Presbyterian Society in New Boston for forty-five years.

Mr. McLane was married August 14,

1849, to Sarah C., daughter of John and Dorcas (Cleaves) Kelso. She was born in the place where she now lives, August 20, 1816. Her father was born in New Boston, July 14, 1771, and her mother in Mont Vernon, March 16, 1773. Her grandfather, Daniel Kelso, was one of the first settlers of New Boston, and a soldier in the French and Indian War. Marian Augusta, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. McLane, born in New Boston, May 24, 1854, is now the wife of John H. Clark, who was born in Lyndeboro, December 25, 1838. Mr. McLane and his wife are the oldest couple living in the town to-day, and are highly esteemed by the community. His success in life has been well earned by his enterprise and industry. Having read extensively on many subjects, he is to-day one of the best-informed men in his town. He keeps well posted on all matters of current interest, and is well in touch with the history of the world. An excellent historical account of New Boston, written by him, was published in the History of Hillsboro County in 1885.

**R**ODNEY McLANE, mentioned above as brother of Neil, was born in France-  
town, July 18, 1820, and grew to manhood in that place and in Newport. He received his education in the common school. After working at farming for some time, the partnership with his brother in the sash and blind business was formed in 1846, under the firm name of N. & R. McLane. He was married November 17, 1853, to Adaline, daughter of Caleb and Hannah (Fletcher) Farley. Her father was born in Hollis, where the Farley family are old settlers; and her mother in old Dunstable, Mass. The eight children of her parents included two pairs of twins. Five of the number are living. Mr. and Mrs. McLane have one son — Charles Sumner, born November 15, 1854, now a resident of Kansas City, Mo., where he is a successful lawyer. He fitted himself for the profession by reading law with Senator Wadleigh, of Milford. He married Agnes A. Bear, of Kansas City. Mr. McLane has been Selectman, and also Town Treasurer, for a

number of years. He is a charter member of Pacific Lodge, No. 49, F. & A. M., at Fran-cestown. Both he and his wife are liberal in religious belief, and attend the Presbyterian church. In political affairs he has been a Republican since the formation of the party which he helped to organize.

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**D**AVID A. McCOLLUM, a highly respected farmer of New Boston, N.H., was born in Mont Vernon, August 2, 1823, son of Rodney and Naomi (Wilson) McCollum. He is a descendant on the paternal side of Alexander McCollum, who was born in Londonderry, Ireland, and came to this country about the year 1730. Alexander's son, also named Alexander, who was born in Londonderry, N.H., about 1758, settled in New Boston, locating in a spot situated one mile east of the old Presbyterian church. He was a thrifty farmer, was the first Town Clerk of the place, and died there in 1768. The next in descent, likewise named Alexander, was the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. Born in New Boston, April 22, 1766, he was a farmer and mechanic, was in comfortable circumstances, and served the community as Selectman for a number of years. He married Mary Patterson, who was born November 12, 1772.

Rodney McCollum, born March 27, 1793, was an industrious farmer in New Boston and Mont Vernon. He was also in trade for a few years in the former place, and he taught school for a time. He was a member of the Presbyterian Society, and during the latter part of his life he was a Republican in politics. His wife, Naomi, who was born September 12, 1794, had three children — David A., Arabella, and Mary R. Arabella, born August 27, 1827, married George Foster Allen, of Manchester, Mass., where she now resides. Mary R., who was born October 23, 1835, died unmarried, November 8, 1886. The father's death occurred February 22, 1886, and the mother's, January 1, 1873.

David A. McCollum received the education afforded by the common schools of New Boston. After leaving school he was employed

in the capacity of clerk in Boston, Mass., for three years. Then he returned to his native place, since which he has been engaged in farming. In 1862, after spending many years in New Boston, he moved to the farm where he now lives, occupied in farming and carpenter's work. In 1864 he enlisted in Company B, Eighteenth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, and was in several engagements, including that at Fort Stedman and the attack on St. Petersburg. He was disabled in service, and never fully recovered. At the close of the war in 1865 he received an honorable discharge. He belongs to Charles Stinson Post, G. A. R., at Goffstown; and he and his wife are members of the Patrons of Husbandry, Joe English Grange, at New Boston. They are both Presbyterian in religious views, and in politics Mr. McCollum is a Republican.

Mr. McCollum was married April 5, 1859, to Martha Sarah Cochrane. Born in New Boston, January 29, 1827, she died August 8, 1865, leaving two sons. These were: Henry B., born May 27, 1860, who now lives in Manchester, Mass.; and Rodney C., born January 13, 1863, who died March 11, 1889. Mr. McCollum was married a second time on June 27, 1889, to Susan Beans, who was born in Annapolis, N.S., May 8, 1846. Her parents, Michael and Jerusha Beans, are both now deceased. Mrs. McCollum was formerly the wife of Christopher Randell, and has one daughter. The latter, Mrs. Jennie Butterfield, the wife of Benjamin Butterfield, now living in Mont Vernon, has two children — Clarence F. and Bertha. Mr. McCollum has been successful in his farming, and now owns about one hundred and seventy acres of land. He is one of the oldest residents of the town, and has the respect of all.

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**C**URTIS A. WOOD, M.D., a prominent farmer of Dublin, was born in this town, April 7, 1846, son of Augustine and Elizabeth (Richardson) Wood. His grandfather, Solomon Wood, a native of Hancock, N.H., who was also a farmer, early in life came to Dublin, where he



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resided until his death. Solomon's wife, Achsah, a daughter of Thaddeus Mason, bore him four children—Emily, Augustine, George, and Curtis.

Augustine Wood, born in Dublin, February 7, 1812, died in January, 1891. He lived on the old homestead, and like his father followed the occupation of farming. He was well informed on all questions of public importance, and was warmly interested in public affairs. He displayed an active interest in the affairs of his town, and served as Road Agent for a number of years. His religious affiliations were with the Congregational church. His wife, Elizabeth, who was born June 6, 1820, daughter of Abijah Richardson, Jr., of Dublin, and is still living, had two children—Curtis A. and Samuel R. Samuel R., who was a native of Dublin, born in June, 1850, died at the age of twenty-four years.

Curtis A. Wood received his early education in the common schools of Dublin and at New Ipswich and Kimball Union Academies. Subsequently he completed the course of Dartmouth College in the department of medicine, and graduated in the class of 1877. Shortly afterward he settled for the practice of his profession at Greenville, N.H., where he remained a number of years. Four years ago he settled on his fine farm of three hundred acres in Dublin, and has since carefully superintended that property. Mr. Wood married Ida L. Benson, of Norridgewock, Me., who was born in September, 1860. They have one son, Ralph Curtis, who was born at Greenville on November 18, 1885. Dr. Wood is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he attends the Congregational church. The Doctor is still in active practice, and doubtless will give his entire time to his profession when relieved of the care of this large estate.

**D**EACON THOMAS RAMSEY COCHRANE, one of the leading farmers of New Boston, was born here, May 22, 1832, son of William C. and Harriet (Crombie) Cochrane. The Cochranes are descended from James Coch-

rane, of Londonderry, Ireland, who came to America about the year 1720, and died in Topsham, Me. After his death his family moved to Londonderry, N.H. His wife, whose maiden name was Letitia Patten, had four children—Thomas, Peter, Mary, and another whose name is unknown.

Thomas Cochrane, the next in the line of descent, born in Londonderry, Ireland, in 1703, was the first settler on the farm where Deacon Cochrane now lives, having located there about the year 1748. A sturdy, enterprising farmer, owning about nine hundred acres of land, he was one of the prominent men of his town in those days. He was the first Deacon of the Presbyterian church in the town, and he was elected the first Town Moderator and the first Selectman at a town meeting held in his house, March 10, 1763. He married Jeanette Adams, who died June 7, 1784, aged seventy-six years. His death occurred November 20, 1791, at the age of eighty-nine. His son James, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, married Christiana Aiken, and died at the age of forty. The next in the line was Thomas Cochrane, born March 25, 1759, on Cochrane Hill, in the westerly part of New Boston. He became a prominent farmer and a leading man; and he owned the present Cochrane farm, to which he added other land, so that at his death it contained between three and four hundred acres. The present homestead was built by him. On April 13, 1784, he married Margaret Ramsey, who was born in Londonderry, December 29, 1762, and died July 21, 1829, aged sixty-six years. He was also Deacon of the Presbyterian church, and in politics was a Whig. He died December 30, 1852. His eight children were born as follows: James, December 4, 1785; Lydia, March 15, 1788; Mary C., April 24, 1793; Anna, July 1, 1795; Nancy, November 16, 1797; Letitia, November 13, 1799; William C., June 3, 1802; and Margaret R., September 23, 1804. None of these are now living. A more detailed account of the family may be found in the History of New Boston.

William C. Cochrane, who was born on the old homestead, became a stirring, progressive

farmer. A man of cultivated tastes, he was especially fond of music. His genial disposition and affable manners rendered him very popular. He was a Presbyterian in religious belief, and in politics he adhered to the Republican party after its formation. In the old militia he was a drummer. He was a great lover of horses. His first wife, Harriet, whom he married April 26, 1831, was born in New Boston, April 26, 1806, and died August 16, 1839. Marriage was made June 2, 1840, with Ann Clark. She was born February 5, 1810, and now resides in Goffstown. He died August 15, 1882. By the first wife there were four children — Thomas Ramsey, John C., Lydia C., and Margaret A. John C., who gained a wide reputation as an architect, drew the plans for the State House of Springfield, Ill., and the Iowa State House; and he had charge of many other important structures. Born November 8, 1833, he died December 13, 1887. Lydia, who was born August 31, 1835, became the wife of the Rev. W. R. Cochrane, D.D., of Antrim, N.H. Margaret, born January 17, 1837, died March 17, 1841. By the second wife there were also four children: namely, Mary A., Margaret R., Anna C., and William C. Mary, born March 2, 1841, married A. M. Campbell, of Goffstown; Margaret, born February 12, 1845, died August 8 of the same year; Anna, born August 30, 1846, became the wife of Deacon F. T. Moore, of Goffstown; William C., the twin brother of Anna, died April 10, 1847.

Thomas Ramsey Cochrane received his education in a common and a private school, and grew up in New Boston. At the age of nineteen he went to Nashua, and there learned the sash, door, and blind business. Compelled to withdraw from that occupation by a bronchial trouble, he returned in 1854 to the homestead of his grandfather, where he has since resided. He carries on general farming, making a specialty of the milk trade. In connection with the latter he keeps from twenty to twenty-five head of stock of the best milch breeds. With a liking for good horses, he has some superior animals. He has an excellent farm, on which he has made many improvements, and owns in

all about one hundred and seventy-five acres. The homestead, standing on a noble elevation, commands one of the grandest views of a beautiful country. He was the first Republican Selectman of the town, and held the office for four years. He was on the School Board for three years, and he has been Moderator at the town meeting, and served in other minor offices. He has been Deacon and clerk of the church for many years, and is now also its treasurer. He belongs to the Patrons of Husbandry, Joe English Grange, in which he has been Master.

Deacon Cochrane was married January 1, 1863, to Almira F. French, who was born in Bedford, May 1, 1835, daughter of Leonard C. and Annis (Campbell) French. Their only son, Thomas Edward, born June 30, 1864, who is unmarried and resides with them, has held several town offices, and is the youngest Selectman that served on the Board. The Deacon, always an active, industrious man, represents an element of strength in the community, and is to be depended on in any enterprise for the advancement of the town's welfare. Of a cordial and affable address, he is a favorite with all.

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**J**OHN A. FULLER, a farmer of New Boston, was born March 15, 1839, in Lyndeboro, Hillsboro County, son of Andrew and Hannah E. (Cheney) Fuller. His grandfather, one of the early settlers of Lyndeboro, remained there until his death. Andrew Fuller was born in Lyndeboro, March 16, 1790. He was a good farmer and a hard worker, and he spent his last years in active life in Lyndeboro, where he died February 1, 1872, at the age of eighty-one years. He was liberal in his religious views, and his politics were those of the Democrats. He married Hannah E. Chenery, who was born in Watertown, Mass., May 20, 1800, and died June 30, 1859. They had nine children; namely, John C., Hannah M., Eliza A., Mary J., George R., William H., Moses C., John A., and Sarah E. John C., Hannah M., George R., and Sarah E. are deceased. Eliza A. lives in Manchester, N.H.; Mary J. lives

in Somerville, Mass.; and William H. lives in Billerica, Mass.

John A. Fuller, the subject of this sketch, spent his younger days in Lyndeboro, where he received his education. He afterward moved to New Boston, where he has since remained. He has been engaged in general farming very successfully, and now owns over one hundred and eighty acres of land, the most of which is under cultivation. At the present time he is also engaged in the grocery business. In his polities he is a Democrat, while his religious views are liberal.

On May 21, 1865, Mr. Fuller married Ella M. Wright. She was born in Milford, N.H., September 22, 1847, daughter of James R. and Elizabeth P. (Peabody) Wright. Mr. Wright, who was born in Milford, November 21, 1821, now resides in New Boston with his daughter, Mrs. Fuller. Mrs. Wright was born in Milford, February 3, 1828, and died October 25, 1887. Besides Mrs. Fuller they had another daughter, now the widow of Otis M. Holt. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller have one son — Fred A. Fuller, born March 22, 1866. He married April 25, 1888, Minnie L. Stevens, of Francestown, and now has two sons — Arthur C. and Fenton Wright.

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**P**ETER UPTON, one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Jaffrey, N.H., president of the National Bank in East Jaffrey, was born in Tyngsboro, Mass., on October 1, 1816, son of Jonathan and Nancy (Whittemore) Upton. His grandfather, Joseph Upton, son of Joseph, Sr., and Abigail (Gray) Upton, of the North Parish of the old town of Reading, Mass., now North Reading (and great-grandson of John, Sr., the first American ancestor of the family, who died at an advanced age in 1699, in Reading, North Parish, where he was an extensive landholder), was born in 1725, and died in 1810. He was a farmer and settled at Tyngsboro, Mass. Jonathan, father of Peter Upton, was born at Reading, Mass., on March 16, 1780, and died on August 16, 1839. He lived at Tyngsboro during the greater part of his life, but his last years were spent at Dunstable.

He was a farmer by occupation. His wife, Nancy, who was a native of Malden, Mass., was born on September 25, 1786, and died in Nashua, N.H., on September 10, 1851. She was the mother of the following children: Nancy, Joseph, Jonathan R., Mary, Abigail, Sarah W., Peter, Ebenezer, John G., Andrew and Susanna, who both died in infancy, and Julia A. Peter and Julia, now Mrs. Avery, are the only living members of this large family.

Peter Upton received his early education at schools in Tyngsboro, Dunstable, and at Pepperell Academy, all in Massachusetts, and at the New Ipswich Academy, in New Ipswich, N.H. He began his business life as clerk in a store at the last-named place, and remained there until 1837, when he came to Jaffrey. Here he was employed for two years as a clerk for Hiram Duncan, and at the end of that time was taken into the business as equal partner with Mr. Duncan. A year later the senior partner died, and the management of the business devolved upon Mr. Upton, who remained in it until 1851, when he sold a part of his interest in the business to one of his clerks, Mr. Charles H. Powers, who subsequently became well known as a politician. In January of that year the Monadnock Bank, now the Monadnock National Bank, was organized; and Mr. Upton has been connected with it ever since in one capacity or another. He was cashier for thirty years and treasurer of the Monadnock Savings Bank for twenty-six years, resigning the last-named position only two years ago. For the past seventeen years he has been president of the National Bank. He was a director of the Monadnock Railroad from the time of its organization until it became a part of the Fitchburg system. Mr. Upton has been active in town affairs, and has served as Town Treasurer for two years, declining to serve longer, and was Postmaster for twenty-four years. In polities he has always been a stanch Republican. He represented the town in the legislature of 1848, 1849, and 1850, and was a member of Governor Currier's Council, June, 1885-87. He attends the Congregational church, and is a liberal supporter of its varied activities. Mr. Upton has taken great interest in building up and improving the town of

Jaffrey; and for more than fifty years nearly all of the new public buildings and many private ones have been to a greater or less extent the results of his plans and efforts.

Mr. Upton married Sarah M. Duncan, daughter of Hiram Duncan, his first partner. Mrs. Upton was born on July 8, 1833. She is the mother of three children, all of whom were born in Jaffrey. They are: Mary A., born November 4, 1856; Hiram D., born May 5, 1859; and Alice W., born July 3, 1863. Mary A., a graduate of the Union School in Lockport, N.Y., married Walter L. Goodnow, a progressive and wealthy merchant. Mr. and Mrs. Goodnow reside in Jaffrey, and have three children, all born in this town, namely: Jessie E., born November 10, 1879; Hazel M., born October 17, 1882; and Ruth L., born December 12, 1886.

Hiram D. Upton was graduated at Dartmouth College in the class of 1879. At the age of twenty-one years he became cashier of the bank of which his father is president, and that position he held for five years. He now resides at Manchester, N.H., where he has been very prominent in politics. He was Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State in 1889, and he was for several years treasurer of a large loan company in Manchester. He married Annie E. Perkins, daughter of Dr. Perkins, of Marlow, N.H., and is the father of six children, namely: Donald P. and Lloyd P., both born in Jaffrey, the former on October 18, 1882, and the latter on December 10, 1883; Hiram D., born December 21, 1886; Irene, born November 26, 1888; Marguerite, born October 3, 1890; and Dorothy, born August 29, 1892. The four last named were born at Manchester.

Alice W. Upton was graduated at Wellesley College in the class of 1883, and subsequently married Sumner B. Pearmain, of Chelsea, son of William R. Pearmain, cashier of the First National Bank of Chelsea. Mr. Pearmain, a graduate of Harvard, class of 1883, is a partner in the firm of Pearmain & Brooks, brokers, at 53 State Street, Boston, and a member of the Boston and New York Stock Exchanges. Mr. and Mrs. Pearmain have three children: William R., born in Chelsea on March 17, 1888;

John D., born in Chelsea on March 12, 1891; and Margaret, born in Boston on February 24, 1893.

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**L**OUIS C. BILLINGS, a member of the firm of the Morse, Kaley Manufacturing Company, and the superintendent of its cotton-mills at Milford, was born February 9, 1835, in Canton, Mass., son of Jarvis and Sarah (Spaulding) Billings. His grandfather, Major Isaiae Billings, was a Revolutionary soldier, and is said to have been of English descent. Jarvis Billings, who was a native of Canton, Mass., in his younger years was a school teacher for a time after the death of Major Billings. He died when his son was but fourteen years of age. The home having been then broken up, Louis C. took up his residence with his uncle, Uriah Billings, of Canton, Mass., for a short time. Until he was seventeen years of age he was engaged in various employments. Then he began learning the trade of pattern-maker at Canton with Lyman Kinsley, another uncle, with whom he remained three years. Subsequently he was a foreman in Kinsley's Rolling Mill for a time. Later he was engaged in pianoforte-making, which he followed up to 1860. In this year he came to Milford and entered the employ of Morse, Kaley & Co., cotton manufacturers of Milford. Here he was made superintendent of the mill plant, which position he has retained up to the present time. Several years ago, after the death of the Hon. Timothy Kaley, a member of the firm, the firm name was changed to the Morse, Kaley Manufacturing Company, and Mr. Billings was admitted to partnership.

Mr. Billings married for his first wife Eme-line B. Kaley, daughter of the Hon. Timothy Kaley. His children by her are now deceased. Sarah E. Foss, of Lowell, Mass., subsequently became his second wife. By her he has three children — Ethel L., Walter L., and Warren C. Ethel is now the wife of J. T. Young, of Milford. Mr. Billings has frequently declined town offices. He is a Republican in politics. Both he and his wife attend the Unitarian church. He is a member of the

Masonic organization at Milford. A self-made man, he is justly esteemed by the community. Mr. Billings was a member of the Building Committee who had charge of the erection of the high school building, which he practically superintended. At the Columbian Exposition he served acceptably as judge in the machinery and manufacturing departments of Machinery Hall.

**G**EORGE F. BEMIS, station agent, and for eleven years Postmaster at Chesham, in Harrisville, was born in this town, July 16, 1853, son of George W. and Mary A. (Smith) Bemis. His grandfather, Thomas Bemis, a stirring farmer of this town, was twice married. By his union with Anna Knight, a native of Sudbury, Mass., Thomas was the father of four children — Elbridge G., George W., Samuel D., and Elizabeth J.

George W. Bemis, the father of George F., was born in Dublin, N.H. He passed the greater part of his life in Harrisville, was connected with the woodenware industry of the town, died, and was buried here with Masonic rites. He was a Baptist in his religious belief, and he contributed liberally toward the support of the church. His wife, Mary, who was a daughter of Ira Smith, of this town, became the mother of six children; namely, Charles A., Sarah R., George F., James T., Mary A., and Ira A. The mother is now deceased.

George F. Bemis was educated in his native town. After completing his studies, he became connected with his father's woodenware factory. Succeeding to the business after the death of the elder Bemis, he continued to carry it on for a number of years. Finally he abandoned it to enter the railroad service. He was employed in various other capacities previous to his appointment to that of station agent in Harrisville. He is also the agent for the American Express, carries on a thriving livery business, and does contract work. Public affairs receive from him the attention of an intelligent citizen, and he is a regular attendant of the Baptist church.

Mr. Bemis married Emma J. Smith, who was born in Westmoreland, N.H., March 25, 1853, and was an adopted daughter of Ira P. Smith, of Harrisville. Mrs. Bemis is the mother of six children; namely, Carl H., George W., Perley S., Caspar C., James E., and Grover C. Carl H., who was born January 10, 1872, is now an express messenger, and resides in Springfield, Mass. He married Nellie L. Howe, daughter of Lambert L. Howe, and has three children — Howard H., Chessie, and Agnes. George W., who was born March 29, 1875, is now a clerk in a grocery store in Dublin, N.H. He wedded A. Maud Atwell, daughter of Horace F. Atwell, of West Somerville, Mass., and has two sons — Gordon and George A.

**F**RANKLIN P. COLBURN, a retired cooper and well-known farmer of Hollis, was born here, September 5, 1831, son of Daniel and Sally (Farley) Colburn. He comes of a family that is one of the oldest in Hollis, and whose representatives have always been leading people of the town. Lieutenant Robert Colburn, of the third generation back, who came to Hollis from Billerica, Mass., and married Elizabeth Smith, died in 1783. The next in line, Nathan Colburn, the grandfather of Franklin P., was also a soldier, and fought in the War of the Revolution. By profession a land surveyor, he was also engaged in farming, and lived in Hollis with his wife, Abigail Shattuck Colburn.

Daniel Colburn, who was born in 1796, learned the cooper's trade, which he subsequently followed to some extent. He also owned and conducted a farm in the western part of the town on what is known as Proctor's Hill. Sturdy, industrious, and enterprising, he was liberal in religious views, and in politics first an old-time Whig and then a Republican. He died in Hollis in 1866. His wife's death occurred June 23, 1889. Of their four children Franklin P. is the only one living. The daughter, Lorinda, who married Joseph Parker, died November 8, 1870. Luke married Pluma R. Brown, and died in 1887. Daniel Webster, the youngest, born in

1839, was a corporal in the Seventh New Hampshire Regiment, Company H, during the Civil War, and died in service in 1863.

Franklin P. Colburn passed his boyhood in his native town, receiving his education in the district schools. When seventeen years old, he learned the cooper's trade with his father, and subsequently worked at it for twenty years. In 1868 he discontinued it on account of failing health, and moved to the farm where he is now living, which was his wife's ancestral home. He has about one hundred and forty acres of land, raises vegetables and fruit, and markets choice varieties of apples and peaches. His peach orchard, of fine growing young trees, covers three acres. He does also considerable dairy business, keeping from fifteen to twenty head of cattle.

On May 29, 1856, Mr. Colburn married Mary Ann Hardy, youngest daughter of Moses and Rebecca (Farley) Hardy. On the father's side she is of Scotch ancestry and is a descendant of Phineas Hardy, who came to Hollis from Bradford, Mass., and who served with his four sons in the Revolution. Moses Hardy, who followed coopering and farming, was held in high esteem by the community. Mrs. Rebecca Richardson, the wife of Charles Richardson, of Hollis, is the only other child of his living. Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Colburn, Lura, Josephine, and Freddie Barton are deceased. The others are: Frank E., Charles W., Bertha Louise, Minnie Adelaide, and Walter Herbert. Frank Colburn is a wholesale fruit merchant doing business both in domestic and foreign produce in New York City. He married Miss Anna Dimond, and has two children—Adelaide and Frank, Jr. Charles is partner with his brother Frank. Bertha Louise is a teacher of elocution and physical culture; Minnie Adelaide is also a teacher; and Walter Herbert, the youngest, is a practising dentist in New York City. Both parents are members of the Congregational church of Hollis and able and devoted workers in the various departments of church work. In politics Mr. Colburn is a Republican. He is also a member of Hollis Grange, and takes much interest in the work of that organization.

**R**OBERT RANEY HOWISON was formerly a prominent resident of Milford. Born in Kingsey, P.Q., Canada, on March 1, 1815, he was a son of Robert Howison, a sea captain and a native of Glasgow, Scotland. His mother, Nancy Wadleigh Howison, was of English parentage. Robert Raney was the third of eleven children. His parents, not being blessed with a superabundance of this world's goods, found it hard to meet the wants of the children growing up around them. Robert, compelled by the necessity of providing for himself, came to the States at the early age of fourteen. In 1834 he was working in a saw-mill in Stoddard, N.H. Hushing his earnings, he was continually looking forward for opportunities of bettering himself; and in 1842 he moved to Hancock, this State, and purchased an interest in a livery stable. A few months later he secured control of the Forest stage line from Peterboro to Wilton and Nashua. From 1842 until 1868 he had control of much of the stage business from Peterboro, Hancock, and Stoddard to the point of railroad connection with Boston. Moreover, not having confined his operations to passenger traffic, in company with Colonel Hiram T. Morrill, of Nashua, now deceased, he had charge of the expressing between Boston and these towns, which under their management attained large proportions. Mr. Howison also had government contracts for the distribution of the mails through the country traversed by his stage routes, and the Milford branch is still conducted under his name. In 1865, joining interests with the late John Marvell, of Milford, he engaged in lumbering and the real estate business. The partnership lasted upward of twenty-five years, and the business grew steadily. He also owned the Howison Hotel in Milford, now leased to George V. Tarleton. In business he displayed a marked ability in the handling of financial matters, and such conservative judgment that no losses were incurred by rash ventures. He was one of the incorporators of the Souhegan National Bank, established in 1856, a member of its board of directors until 1876, and he was the president for seven years. The prosperity and

high standing of that institution are largely due to him. He was also a trustee of the Milford Savings Bank for a number of years.

While in politics Mr. Howison was a loyal Republican, he invariably declined public office. He was a member of the Construction Committee of the town house in 1870, and was subsequently on the Building Committee of the Unitarian church, assisting largely in a financial way. At no other time did he take an active personal part in public affairs. He was always ready in a quiet way to aid any worthy enterprise designed for the improvement of the town and the elevation of society. For two years previous to his death Mr. Howison's health was gradually failing; but his faculties were active up to within an hour of his death, and it seemed impossible that the end should be so near. He died February 2, 1895, in the eightieth year of his age, leaving to his posterity a name that was a synonyme for successful enterprise and honorable dealing.

In 1842 Mr. Howison married Elvira L. Mellen, of Stoddard, N.H., who died in 1850. She bore him three children, who lived but a short time, the eldest dying in her ninth year. In 1852 he married Caroline H. Johnson, of Milford, who has four children. These are: Josephine H., the wife of John B. Dayfoot, of Cambridge, Mass.; and William R., Arthur W., and James J. Howison, who are residents of Milford. Arthur W. continues in part the lumbering and real estate business established by his father and Mr. John Marvell, and is an influential man in his native town. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen of Milford for one year, and for the past three years he has served upon the School Board.

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**I**SAIAH WHEELER, Representative to the New Hampshire legislature from Greenville, was born in Temple, N.H.,

February 7, 1824, son of Nathan and Rachel (Cummings) Wheeler. The paternal grandfather, Nathan Wheeler (first), who followed the trade of a mason in early life, spent his last days upon a farm in Temple, attaining the age of eighty-four years. He was a Whig in politics and a Congregationalist in relig-

ious belief. By his wife, Lydia Adams Wheeler, he was the father of four children, none of whom are living.

Nathan Wheeler (second), the father of Isaiah, was born in either Temple or New Ipswich, N.H. In his younger days he was a merchant in Lyndeboro, N.H. He finally settled in Temple, where the rest of his active period was devoted to agricultural pursuits. A business man of ability and good judgment, as well as a thoroughly practical agriculturist, he acquired considerable property. In politics he was originally a Whig, but later he acted with the Republican party. Besides holding some of the important town offices, he represented his district in the legislature for a number of terms. For many years he acted as a Deacon of the Congregational church, and he organized the first Sunday-school connected with that society in Temple. A diligent Biblical student, he memorized a great deal of the Scriptures, and was considered a reliable authority upon scriptural subjects and on religious subjects in general. His frank and honorable methods in business inspired confidence, and a trust confided to him was never betrayed. His generous, benevolent, and sympathetic nature was easily touched by the misfortunes of others; and many deeds of charity commended him to his neighbors and fellow-towns-men. He was one of the early members of the American Board of Foreign Missions, and contributed liberally toward its support. When he died he had attained the age of one hundred years, lacking but twenty days. Although totally blind during the latter part of his life, he retained his interest in religious matters and his position as Deacon of the church until the last. His first wife, Rachel Cummings Wheeler, who was a native of Temple, died at the age of fifty-seven years. She was the mother of eight children, of whom the only survivor is Isaiah, the subject of this sketch. His second marriage was contracted with Olive Damon, a native of Ashby, Mass., who had no children.

Isaiah Wheeler acquired a good education, having attended the academies in New Ipswich and Hancock, N.H. For several winters he taught school in Temple, Nashua, and Wilton,

spending the rest of the year in agricultural pursuits. In 1884 he moved to Greenville. He was afterward engaged in lumbering and manufacturing for eight years. Although he is still interested in lumber operations, he is at present giving his principal attention to the cultivation of a good farm. On February 17, 1848, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Gutterson, daughter of Josiah and Phoebe (Buss) Gutterson, of Milford. Of the four children born to them Lizzie A., Charles T., and Walter M. are living. Charles married Lena Kimball, of this town, and has one child, Doris M.

In politics Mr. Wheeler is a Republican. He was for several years a member of the Board of Selectmen in Temple, and he represented that town in the legislature for three terms. Since coming to Greenville, he has been prominent in public affairs, and he was sent by it to the legislature in 1896. During his first term in the House of Representatives he secured the incorporation of the Greenville Savings Bank, of which he is now a vice-president. Both he and Mrs. Wheeler are members of the Congregational church.

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**D**ANIEL W. TROW, a representative agriculturist of Amherst, is carrying on an extensive and lucrative business as a general farmer and milk producer and dealer. He was born in the neighboring town of Mont Vernon, March 11, 1835, a son of Jesse Trow. His grandfather, Joseph Trow, an old and honored settler of the county, was the founder of the family in this locality. Jesse Trow was born and reared in Mont Vernon, where he spent a long and useful life, dying there in May, 1866. He was engaged in tilling the soil during his active years, and also carried on a good business in lumbering for some time. He held an assured position among the most respected members of the community. He married Nancy Cochran, who was born in Amherst. Of the children born to them there are now living: George W., of Hudson, N.H.; Arthur A., of Mont Vernon; and Daniel W., the subject of this sketch.

Daniel W. Trow was educated in the public schools of Mont Vernon, and he also received a thorough drilling in all branches of agriculture under the instruction of his parents. In 1861, about two years after his marriage, Mr. Trow removed to Amherst, settling on his present homestead, which contains about one hundred acres of land, suitable for general farming and grazing purposes. Here he has followed agriculture industriously, enlarging and extending his operations from year to year, and in late years making a specialty of dairying. He has taken an active part in public affairs, serving as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for three years of the four during which he was a member, as Road Agent for a time, and representing Amherst in the State legislature for a year. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party.

On June 12, 1859, Mr. Trow married Mary E. Shepard, who was born in this town. She is a daughter of Samuel and Mary A. (Ober) Shepard, and a grand-daughter of Lummus Shepard, who was for many years a well-known resident of Amherst. Mrs. Trow's parents, who were born and reared in Amherst, died here before reaching the prime of life, the mother passing away when Mrs. Trow was but seven years old, and the father five years later. Mr. and Mrs. Trow have three children—Jesse S., Katie E., and Emma E. Jesse lives in Mont Vernon; and Emma is the wife of Arthur G. Burns, of Lowell, Mass. Both parents are members of the Order of the Golden Cross, of Amherst; and Mrs. Trow is an active worker in the Woman's Relief Corps, to which she belongs.

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**W**ARREN A. FRENCH, a leading farmer of Alstead, is a native of this town and a son of Charles F. and Aurelia W. (Horton) French. The family is of English origin. Its genealogy is traced to Thomas French, who died in England in 1599. Lieutenant William French, who was the first of the name in this country, came to America in the ship "Defence" in 1635, and settled in Cambridge, Mass. Samuel, one of his descendants, was in the Revo-

lutionary War, and fought at Bennington and at Saratoga. Grandfather French was Freedom, born July 5, 1797, at Hollis, N.H., and died October 12, 1867, at Nashua, where he resided. He successively married Sarah Moore and Hannah Bowers. The latter died March 6, 1865. The children of the first marriage were: Charles F., May, and Carrie; and those of the second, Sarah, John, and Lucy.

Charles F. French, born at Hollis, June 20, 1820, died in May, 1886. After his school days ended he went to Vermont and learned the cooper's trade, being naturally of a mechanical turn of mind. He then removed to Hollis, where he remained for several years. From Hollis he came to Alstead, where he purchased a farm, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits for the remainder of his life. Always ready to expend time and effort in the speeding of any good cause, he was looked up to as a man of sincerity and worthy of confidence. He was an active member of the Methodist church, and lived up to the doctrines he professed. His wife, Aurelia, a daughter of William Horton, of Montgomery, Vt., was born in 1827, and died in 1891. They had a family of nine children; namely, Henry C., Roena Aurelia, Albert M., George William, Laura V., Frank E., Warren A., Carrie A., and Bonnie Belle. Henry C., born February 28, 1845, died February 16, 1863, while a soldier in the service of his country. Roena Aurelia, born March 9, 1848, married George E. Cater, a prosperous farmer of this town, and has a number of children. Albert M., born November 28, 1850, who is engaged in farming in Alstead, married Edith T. Hayward, a daughter of Claudius Hayward, of Gilsum. George W., born December 27, 1852, who is employed in a factory in Connecticut, married Sarah Howe, of New Hampshire, and has two children. Laura V., born May 19, 1855, is the wife of Frank Clark, a prominent farmer of this town, and has a number of children. Frank E., born February 19, 1858, who lives at Gilsum, married Etta Grant, a daughter of Henry Grant, and has two children. Carrie A., born November 12, 1862, is Mrs. Henry Wellman, of Alstead,

and the mother of two children. Bonnie Belle, born August 7, 1865, married Charles Hodgkins, of Surry.

After attending the common schools for the usual period, Warren A. French worked as a farmer until his marriage, with the exception of a period during which he was employed in a wood shop. After his marriage he bought a farm, which he has since carried on successfully. He takes an active part in town affairs. Last year he was nominated for Selectman, but was defeated. He is an Odd Fellow, a prominent member of the grange, and he belongs also to the United Order of American Mechanics, to the Order of the Golden Cross, and to that of the Fraternal Helpers.

On April 4, 1883, Mr. French was united in marriage with Etta Emmons, who was born September 23, 1855, daughter of David Emmons, of Bristol, N.H. Mr. and Mrs. French have two children: Grace, born April 18, 1886; and Ruby, born July 20, 1887. Both parents attend the Congregational church. Mr. French is a self-made man. Having started in life penniless and in debt for his farm, he now has a large dairy farm with forty head of fine Jerseys, and ships milk every day to Boston, where he controls a milk route in that city.

**A**RTHUR J. BELDING, a prominent farmer of East Alstead, was born in Sandisfield, Mass., February 22, 1844, son of Buel C. and Elizabeth (Barber) Belding. The paternal grandfather, James Belding, lived at Sandisfield, where he was a farmer and drover, and served the community in the capacities of Selectman and in other offices. His wife was Betsey French Belding, and she bore him four children—Buel C., Emily A., Mary E., and one that died in infancy.

Buel C. Belding, who was born at Sandisfield in 1812, died in 1882. After leaving school, he farmed with his father for several years, and then bought a farm. After a time he sold out and went to the southern part of Vermont and thence to Chesterfield, this

State. His wife, Elizabeth, who was born in 1814, daughter of Luke Barber, of Canton, Conn., died in 1882. Husband and wife were buried together on the same day. They had five children—Arthur J., Helen E., Edgar C., Katie J., and Carrie E. Helen E. married Willis Ober, of Athens, Vt., and has one child. Edgar C., who is a carriage painter and lives in Drewsville, N.H., married Susan Boutwell. Katie J. is the wife of Frank Leach, a farmer of Hinsdale, N.H.; and Carrie E. married Herbert Buswell, a merchant of Vermont, and has two children.

Arthur J. Belding received his early education in the schools of Otis, Mass. Before he was of age, he bought a farm. Later he went to Spencer, Mass., and was the proprietor of a hotel there for twelve years. At the end of that time he came to Alstead, and has since been engaged in general farming here. He has taken a warm interest in the progress of the town. He has been Selectman for three years, and always takes a leading part in the discussion of all important questions that come up for discussion before the town meetings. He attends the Congregational church. Mr. Belding married Miss Ida H. Warner, who was born in July, 1857.

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**J**OHN H. GOODRICH, a prominent citizen of Lyndeboro and an ex-Representative to the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, March 28, 1835, son of John C. and Pamela (Atwood) Goodrich. He is a descendant of William Goodrich, an early New England colonist, who, born in England, probably about the year 1600, was living in Watertown, Mass., in 1636. Of his five children by his wife, Margaret, the second, Jeremiah Goodrich, was born March 6, 1638. He wedded Mary Adams, and reared a family of seven children, of whom Philip was the fourth child. Philip Goodrich, born November 23, 1669, was one of the first settlers in Lunenburg, Mass., where he built the third frame house in 1724. He was the first Deacon of the church in Lunenburg, and was the first of the settlers to be buried there after his death on January

16, 1729. He wedded Mehitable Woodman, and of his twelve children Benjamin was the eldest. Benjamin Goodrich, born in Lunenburg, February 3, 1701, died April 19, 1773. On April 8, 1730, he married Sarah Phelps, of Lancaster, who, born in 1700, died June 19, 1776. Their seventh child, Sewall, born July 7, 1743, studied for the ministry, and, graduating from Harvard College in 1764, became one of the earliest preachers in Lyndeboro, where he settled in 1768. He was ordained pastor of the Congregational church, September 7 of that year, and had preached here for over forty years, when he died March 14, 1809, at the age of sixty-six years. The Rev. Sewall Goodrich married Phœbe Putnam, February 7, 1769. Born November 26, 1752, she died June 23, 1832. She became the mother of eleven children.

Benjamin Goodrich, the third child of the Rev. Sewall Goodrich and the grandfather of John H., was a lifelong resident of Lyndeboro, and spent his active years in tilling the soil. In politics he supported the Whig party, and he served as a member of the Board of Selectmen for eight years. He was a Deacon of the Congregational church for more than thirty years. The maiden name of his wife was Sarah Clark. Of his eight children the only survivor is Phœbe M., the widow of Abram Patch, late of Danvers, Mass. The eldest, John C. Goodrich, the father of John H., was born in Lyndeboro, August 15, 1803. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and afterward prosperously cultivated a farm during his active period. He was elected Representative to the legislature for the years 1864 and 1865, and ably fulfilled the duties of that position. He was deeply interested in the moral and religious welfare of the community, and acted as a Deacon of the Congregational church for thirty-six years. John C. Goodrich died January 30, 1882. His wife, Pamela, whom he married December 4, 1833, was a daughter of Paul Atwood, of Lyndeboro. She became the mother of three children—John H., Mary P., and Sarah M. Mary P. is the wife of George H. Stevens, of Milford, N.H. Sarah M. is now Mrs. D. E. Proctor, of Wilton, N.H., and has had five

children, of whom Frank E., Mary P., George S., and Fred W. are living. Mrs. John C. Goodrich died December 11, 1887.

John H. Goodrich was educated in the schools of Lyndeboro. His principal occupation through life has been general farming. He is one of the stirring farmers and representative citizens of the town, and his prosperity is the result of industry and perseverance. He enlisted for service in the Civil War in 1864, was stationed at Fort Constitution for ninety days, and is now a member of the Lafayette Artillery. He was Selectman for one year, has been a member of the Board of Education since 1890, took the last census of the town, and has acted as a Justice of the Peace for the past thirty years. In 1857 he was appointed the first Postmaster at North Lyndeboro, which office he retained until elected to the legislature in 1879, when his wife succeeded him. He is also a member of the committee selected to compile and publish a history of the town of Lyndeboro.

On January 15, 1874, Mr. Goodrich married Addie R. Rowe, who was born in Boston, Mass., November 6, 1836. Their two children were born: John Robert, on October 31, 1874; and Millie A., September 9, 1876. Millie A. is now the wife of Lewis A. Trow, of Mont Vernon, N.H., and has one son, Harold A., who was born January 10, 1897. Mr. Goodrich is a Past Master of Pinnacle Grange, of Lyndeboro, Patrons of Husbandry, and was its secretary for eighteen years.



**O**RIN T. CLOUGH, a successful and progressive farmer of Goffstown, was born in Dunbarton, N.H., October 12, 1842, son of Luther and Mary (Colby) Clough, the former a native of Bow, N.H., and the latter of Dunbarton. Jonathan Clough, the grandfather of Orrin T., and an early settler of Bow, was a farmer there throughout the greater part of his life, and died at an advanced age. His son Luther, also a farmer, who made use of progressive methods in his work, lived mainly in the town of Bow, and died there at the age of seventy-seven. Luther's wife, Mary, was

sixty-two years of age at the time of her death. Of their seven children, all of whom reached maturity, three are living. These are: Otis J., a mechanic, residing in Lynn, Mass.; Seth, also a mechanic, residing in Manchester, N.H.; and Orrin, the subject of this sketch, and who is the second in age.

Orrin T. Clough received his education in the common schools of Bow, and in that town grew to manhood. At first he worked as a mechanic for twenty years. For several years of that period he was exclusively employed in carriage-making. Anxious to buy a farm, he worked hard, and saved his earnings, so that he was able to purchase the place where he now lives in Goffstown, in 1886. It is a fine farm of fifty-seven acres, and shows that no pains have been spared in the matter of improvements and the employing of modern methods. Everything looks well kept, and gives evidence that the owner is a practical farmer and one up to the times. The stone fences and excellent out-buildings are matched by the neat, comfortable dwelling. A great part of the work is done by means of machinery. He carries on general farming, never having made a specialty of any one branch.

In 1866 Mr. Clough was married to Sarah E. Colby, who was born in Goffstown in 1843, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Kelly) Colby. Representatives of the Colby family were among the early settlers of both Bow and Goffstown, and the name is a well-known one. Mr. and Mrs. Clough have no children. Mr. Clough is bound to no particular belief in religious matters. He is identified with the Patrons of Husbandry of Grasmere, and in politics is a Democrat.



**G**EORGE W. BARKER, an enterprising dairyman and cattle dealer of Harrisville, was born in Nelson, N.H., December 15, 1844, son of Chauncey and Lueinda (Bryant) Barker. His grandfather, Thaddeus Barker, was a prosperous farmer of Nelson, where he was Selectman and Town Clerk, and served in other public offices. Thaddeus married Betsey Robbins, and be-

came the father of seven children—Joel, Chauncey, Orin, Thaddeus, Sophia, Daphne, and Maria.

Chauncey Barker, a native of Nelson, born in September, 1809, was reared to farming. When a young man he engaged in teaming, and afterward for several years drove a six-horse team from Nelson, Harrisville, and Dublin, to Boston, transporting goods to and from these places. He also drove cattle to Brighton, Mass., and was subsequently employed in butchering. His wife, who was before marriage Lura Bryant, was born February 13, 1817, in the part of Nelson now a part of Harrisville, daughter of Benjamin Bryant. She became the mother of thirteen children, five of whom are living, namely: George W., the subject of this sketch; Daniel W., a thriving farmer of Keene, who married Sarah Sheldon, of Nelson, and has a family; Thaddeus W., who married Rose Hardy, and owns a good farm in Nelson; Ida, the wife of George L. Tatro, of Manchester, N.H.; and Edgar C., who was born in Nelson in 1854, and is one of the able farmers and prominent residents of Harrisville. The others were: Laura, Lura, Belle, Fanny, Addie, Winnie, Eva, and Edna. Lura died at the age of eighteen years; Winnie did not live to maturity; Eva married Edwin Knights, of Hancock, N.H., and died at the age of twenty-two; and Edna, now deceased, married Henry Stevens, of Nelson, who also died.

Chauncey Barker's opportunities for acquiring an education were limited to a few weeks' attendance each year in boyhood at the old red school-house, after the hay crop had been harvested. Ambitious to advance, however, by a judicious use of his leisure hours, he obtained a good, practical education. While he does not pretend to be a poet, he sometimes courts the muse; and his following description in rhyme of the old-fashioned district school will be understood and appreciated by some of the REVIEW's older readers who have been there: —

"The school-house, built upon the hill,  
One might suppose the blood would chill.—  
Seats with benches on three sides:  
In front a row of smaller seats besides:

A fireplace, too, both wide and high :  
Andirons with backlogs and fore-sticks high.  
The school-house was always painted red.  
The master's rod the scholars much did dread.

"To build the fire and make it burn  
Each boy was forced to take his turn,  
Also to learn to read and spell.  
The Assembly's Catechism was learned as well :  
Tables of numbers, Arabic and Roman,  
Emphasis, cadence, pauses,  
Comma, period, and colon.  
The slate and pencil then were used  
To work out sums the most abstruse.  
The rule and plummet next we meet  
To mark the lines upon each sheet.  
The spelling-school was held at night,  
With tallow candles shining bright ;  
And, when the master had gone away,  
The boys and girls would stay awhile to play.  
They were healthy, robust, and bold,  
They feared not storm nor cold.  
Many a good, great man will now declare  
His success in life was aided there."

George W. Barker was educated in the schools of Nelson and Harrisville. In early life he was engaged in driving cattle from this section to Brighton, Mass. Since relinquishing that occupation he has given his attention to dairy farming, stock-raising, and butchering. He keeps from twenty to thirty-five head of cattle and thirteen horses, sells large quantities of milk, and furnishes the markets with native beef, which brings him a good price. He has acceptably filled the more important town offices. In his religious belief he is a Congregationalist. Mr. Barker married Julia Albee, who was born in Morgan, Vt., in August, 1844. He has no children.

 CAPTAIN THEODORE COLE, for a number of years a seafaring man, well skilled in the art of navigation, and late a retired ship-master, residing in his native town, Westmoreland, Cheshire County, N.H., was born on May 11, 1813. He was a son of Asa Cole, who was born in Harvard, Mass., December 8, 1768. Asa Cole was left fatherless at an early age, and the years of his life between seven and fourteen were spent with his aunt, Mrs. Chamberlain, in Westmoreland. When a young man he learned the trade of mill-



THEODORE COLE.



wright, and, following his trade for some years, he built the Pierce mills in the south part of Westmoreland. He was manager of the mills for four years, until they were sold in 1814, after which he spent a summer in Boston. In the fall he removed to Gouldsboro, Me., in the hope of improving his failing health, but in vain. He returned to Westmoreland in 1816, and died a few weeks later, leaving a widow and eleven children. Mrs. Cole made a home for the children until they were able to care for themselves, Theodore being one of the youngest of the family. The children were: Asa, Richard Goldsmith, Sarah, Benjamin Franklin, Nancy Goldsmith, Philena, John, Susan Ermina, William, Theodore, and Charles Henry. John and Charles also followed the sea with success, each becoming the master of a vessel.

Theodore Cole at the age of nine years went to live with the family of Abijah French, a farmer and lumberman of Westmoreland. There he stayed for about ten years, working on the farm throughout the summer, and finding time for district school in the winter. When he was twenty-two years old he went to New Bedford, Mass., engaged as a seaman under the well-known master, Captain James Maxfield, and made his first voyage, which lasted eighteen months. In 1837 he sailed under Captain Shubael Hawes on a two years' cruise around the world. In 1839 he made a second prolonged voyage under the same captain, reaching home in January, 1842. By diligent and prompt attention to his duties he early won the approval of his employers, and prepared the way for promotion; and at the age of thirty he had twice circumnavigated the globe. In May, 1843, he began his third voyage around the world as master of the ship "Parachute," returning to New Bedford in July, 1845. Married shortly after, he continued to follow the sea until 1851, when he returned from his last voyage, whose duration was two years and a half, and in which his wife had accompanied him. Mrs. Cole was rejoiced when the hills and spires of New Bedford again came into view.

Captain Cole, being naturally an energetic man, on giving up his maritime profession engaged at once in manufactures and merchandising in Brattleboro, Vt., where he remained until 1859, when he removed to Westminster, Vt., and purchased a farm. There he lived for nine years, identifying himself with the affairs of the town, which he represented in the legislature in 1862. Leaving Westminster, he spent nine years in Waverley village, Belmont, Mass., in order to educate his children. In 1875 he enjoyed a pleasure trip to Colorado, Wyoming, and California, and after that he made his home in Westmoreland as long as he lived, employing his leisure time in farming, and interesting himself in politics. He was a member of the New Hampshire legislature in 1882. He died July 2, 1885.

Captain Cole, it is said, was a ship-master of pronounced ability; and as a merchant and farmer, too, he impressed others with a sense of his fitness to lead and direct, and, being a man of extensive and accurate knowledge, gained by experience and reading, was an important factor in the community where he resided. He joined the Congregational church in 1876, and always contributed liberally to its support.

Captain Cole was married in August, 1845, to Livilla Gleason, daughter of Captain Wilson Gleason, a lifelong resident of Westmoreland. Her grandfather, Fortunatus Gleason, was an early settler in the town, coming hither from Massachusetts. Captain Gleason was a prominent man in military matters. He was the owner of a farm, and, until the railroads were started, he dealt extensively in cattle, driving them to Brighton, Mass., a lucrative business in those days. He was not an office-seeker, but devoted himself to business—a man of good judgment and firm character. He was a liberal contributor to the Universalist church, of which he was a member. He was also connected with the Masonic order. His wife was Lucy Atherton, daughter of Joseph. They had ten children, as follows: Lucy Atherton, born April 19, 1814, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Jerome W., born April 25, 1816; Livilla (Mrs. Cole), born March 21, 1818;

Clementia, born October 28, 1819, who married Charles S. Childs; Joseph H., born in 1821, who married Lizzie Mason; Fortnatus, born in 1822, who married Mary Foster; Albert Jackson, born December 10, 1824; Sarah Ann, born March 10, 1826, who married William Cleland; Lorin, who died in infancy; Lorin W., born April 20, 1828, who married for his first wife Eunice Bennett, and whose second wife's given name was Georgie.

The children of Captain and Mrs. Cole were as follows: Frank Theodore, William Henry, Lucy Anna, Sarah Gleason. Frank Theodore Cole, the eldest, was born in Brattleboro, Vt., June 22, 1853. After attending the high school at Belmont, Mass., he continued his preparation for college at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., where he went in 1870, and at the Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass., where he was graduated in June, 1873. He entered Williams College the same year, and received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1877. In the fall he entered Columbia College Law School in New York City, teaching in private schools when not in attendance at lectures. He was graduated in 1879, was admitted to the Kings County bar, New York, and, going to Columbus, Ohio, in the same year, was admitted to the bar in February, 1880, when he at once began to practise in partnership with a classmate and friend, Mr. Byron Collins. He eventually gave up his law practice to accept the principalship of the Latin school in that city, and has held this responsible position, efficiently discharging its duties, for several years past. He is very active and prominent in local public matters and in charitable enterprises.

William Henry, the second child, was born August 19, 1854. He attended a commercial college in Boston, and was employed as a clerk for a few years, but finally became a wheat farmer on the San Joaquin River. In 1886 he returned East and settled on a farm in Westminster, Vt. He married Addie M. Greene, daughter of the Rev. James B. Greene, of San Joaquin, Cal. His children are: Edith J., Mabel Ruth, Theodore F., and Lawrence. Lucy Anna, the third child of the Captain, was born February 29, 1856, and

died March 7, 1856. The other daughter, Sarah G., was born February 15, 1857, and died April 30, 1874. She was an accomplished young girl, adding to a good education a generous musical culture, and was possessed of rare personal qualities.

**F**RANKLIN HADLEY, of the firm Alvin Hadley & Co., manufacturers of sashes and blinds at Goffstown, Hillsboro County, was born in Goffstown, December 16, 1835, son of Nathaniel and Frances (Jones) Hadley. He is descended from Plummer Hadley, who was born in 1738 in Hampstead, N.H., and who in early manhood came to Goffstown, and settled on what has since been known as Hadley Hill. Plummer Hadley died here, September 12, 1814. He was in the Revolutionary War, and, according to a family tradition, left his plough in the field to go to defend his country.

Nathaniel Hadley, Sr., son of Plummer and grandfather of Franklin Hadley, born in Goffstown, spent his life in this town. He was a thrifty, industrious farmer, and he died at the age of seventy-six years. His wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Martin, died at the age of seventy-four. Of their five children who reached maturity, the only survivor is Clarinda, the wife of Francis Martin, residing in Goffstown. Nathaniel Hadley, Jr., succeeded his father in the ownership of the old Hadley homestead, and was a successful farmer. In political affiliation he was a Democrat; and, while not a church member, he was a regular attendant of the Congregational church. He lived to be eighty-two years old, and Frances, his wife, lived to be seventy-six. Of their five children Francina, who married Iru Colby, of Dunbarton, died in January, 1892. The others are: Franklin, the subject of this sketch; Celia, the wife of Daniel W. Hoitt, of Goffstown; Sylvia, the wife of John Q. Perley, of Goffstown; and Caroline, the wife of Darwin M. Poore, of Manchester.

After obtaining his education in the Goffstown schools and Hopkinton Academy, Franklin Hadley, the eldest of his parents' children, began his career as a sash and blind

manufacturer. That was in 1856, when he was twenty-one years old, and he has been interested in the business ever since. At the present time he is the general superintendent of the establishment of Alvin Hadley & Co. This is a first-class factory. It is provided with water-power and the most improved machinery, and it furnishes regular employment to between forty and forty-five men.

Mr. Hadley was married January 12, 1860, to Sabra B. Hadley, daughter of Luther and Mary (Barr) Hadley. They have one daughter, M. Etta Hadley. In politics Mr. Hadley is a Republican. He served as Town Clerk for three years, and he was a Representative to the legislature at Concord for 1878. He and his wife are attendants of the Congregational church.

**W**ARREN W. EMORY, a well-known merchant of Rindge, Cheshire County, and an ex-member of the legislature, was born in this town, February 12, 1837, son of Derostus W. and Mary (Pierce) Emory. The family name as spelled by his early ancestors, who resided chiefly in Newbury, Mass., was Emery; but his great-grandfather, John, who was born in Topsfield in 1750, and settled in Rindge in 1771, changed the spelling to Emory. John Emory resided in the south-west part of this town for the rest of his life after settling here, and died March 26, 1839, aged eighty-eight years. He married Elizabeth Perkins, of Topsfield. Captain Stephen Emory, grandfather of Warren W., was born in Rindge, May 13, 1778. For many years he was engaged in the manufacture of boxes and drums. He was frequently elected to serve on the Board of Selectmen and to other town offices, and he held the rank of Captain in the State militia. He lived to reach his ninety-sixth year, and at the time of his death was the oldest inhabitant of the town by over five years. He was three times married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Betsey Wood, died March 2, 1807. His second wife was in maidenhood Polly Ingalls, and his third Hephzibah Buswell.

Derostus W. Emory, Warren W. Emory's father, was a lifelong resident of Rindge, in which town his active years were devoted to general farming. He died in his eighty-sixth year. His wife, Mary Pierce Emory, who was a daughter of Benjamin Pierce, of Rindge, became the mother of seven children; namely, George A., Julia A., Derostus P., Eliza J., Albert A., Mary Anna, and Warren W. George A., Derostus P., Eliza J., and Mary Anna reside in East Jaffrey, N.H.; Albert A. is a resident of West Rindge village; Julia A. is no longer living.

Warren W. Emory was educated in the schools of his native town, and followed agriculture until reaching the age of thirty years. He then entered mercantile business, in which he has been engaged for the last thirty years. His present store at Rindge Centre was erected by him some twenty years ago. Mr. Emory has taken an active part in local affairs. He was Assistant Postmaster for six years, Postmaster for eighteen years, Town Clerk for twenty-eight years, and Town Treasurer for twenty-two years. He represented his district in the State legislature for the years 1875 and 1876, and in January, 1880, he served as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention. Politically, he is a Republican, and he cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. He is connected by membership with the Masonic fraternity, the United Order of the Golden Cross, and the Patrons of Husbandry. He is a Baptist in religious belief.

In November, 1860, Mr. Emory married for his first wife Caroline Lake. In 1868 he married for his second wife her cousin Abbie T. Lake, daughter of John Lake. He has one daughter, Edith, who is the wife of Harlan A. Stearns, of Rindge.

**J**ACKSON E. WHEELER, one of the leading farmers of Hollis, was born here, December 31, 1825, son of James and Dorcas (Moore) Wheeler, both natives of Hollis. Thaddeus Wheeler was one of the pioneer settlers of Hollis, where he carried on farming and coopering.

He was a member of the Board of Selectmen and served in various other positions of public trust. A strong man physically, he lived to a good age. His five sons and one daughter are now deceased.

James Wheeler, a son of Thaddeus and the father of Jackson E., spent his boyhood on his father's place. As he grew to manhood, he adopted the occupation previously engaged in by his father; namely, farming and coopering. He was a vigorous, enterprising man, able to represent worthily his father, both in character and ability. He lived a long and honored life, dying at the age of eighty-four years. His wife died at the age of eighty-seven. In politics Mr. Wheeler was a Democrat. He served the town as Selectman and as its Representative in the State legislature. Always interested in military affairs, and especially in the drill, he was appointed a Major in the State militia, in which capacity he distinguished himself on several occasions. Of his children, James W. and Louisa M. are deceased. The six living are: Mary A., Eme-line, Jackson E., Hannah, Charles H., and George F.

Jackson Wheeler grew to manhood in Hollis, receiving his education in the public schools. Living upon the old farm, to which he succeeded, he has made many improvements, including new and substantial buildings. He keeps a herd of twenty cattle, of full-blooded Holstein breed, and does considerable dairy business. Like his father, Mr. Wheeler is a Democrat and a stanch supporter of his party. In religion he holds liberal views. He is a member of Hollis Grange, and takes an active interest in the meetings and discussions of that body. The townspeople respect him, not so much for his position as land-owner as for his good judgment and business sagacity.

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**H**ENRY ALBERT HURLIN, a prominent resident of Antrim, was born in Acton, Me., November 6, 1856, son of the Rev. William and Harriet (Brown) Hurlin. His parents were both born in England, and came to America about the year 1849. William Hurlin, at

first a Free Will Baptist minister, became a Baptist, and for many years preached in various places in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. In 1866 he settled in Antrim, and remained there about seven years. About twenty years ago he gave up regular preaching, and returned to Antrim to reside permanently. He has been the secretary of the New Hampshire Baptist State Convention for years. A man of sterling worth, he is highly esteemed. His wife bore him twelve children, of whom there are living: Harriet, Elizabeth, Sarah, John M., Sophia, Henry Albert, and Clara. Harriet is the wife of Ira Palmer, of East Sumner, Me., and has three children—Frank, Arthur, and Gertrude; Elizabeth is the wife of B. S. Buckminster, of Antrim, and has no children; Sarah married O. J. Lincoln, of Santa Cruz, Cal., and has two children—Mabel and Robert; John married Mary Brown, of Boston, Mass., and has two children—Howard and Edna; Sophia is the wife of Samuel R. Robinson, of Antrim, and has three children—Fred, Carl, and Don; Clara is the widow of John G. Abbott, and resides with her children, Charles and Robert, in Antrim.

Henry Albert Hurlin came with his parents to Antrim when he was nine years of age. He attended school here until he was about seventeen, working for wages, however, during his vacations, after he was fourteen, in the employment of D. H. Goodell & Co. In 1876 he went to Boston, and remained there four years, during which time he worked at the carpenter's trade, and also for his brother in the provision business. On January 1, 1880, he returned to Antrim, and again entered the employ of Goodell & Co., this time as clerk, which position he occupies at the present time. He is now a stockholder and secretary of the company, and is a most valuable assistant of ex-Governor Goodell, being, in short, his right-hand man. He now represents the town of Antrim in the House of Representatives, having been elected in 1896. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party. He has been one of the Supervisors of the Check List since 1892, and is now chairman of the Board. Both he and his

wife are members of the Baptist church, and he has been quite an active and influential worker in the same. At the present time he is one of the Deacons, serves on the Standing Committee, and is superintendent of the Sunday-school.

Mr. Hurlin has been married twice. By his first marriage, which took place October 24, 1882, he was united to Carrie A. Lincoln, of Boston, Mass. She died a year later, leaving one child, Herbert, who also died April 1, 1896. Mr. Hurlin was again married October 6, 1887, to Mary M. Gibney, of Antrim, whose living children by him are: Ralph G. and William H. A man of high integrity and self-made, Mr. Hurlin has many friends, and is warmly esteemed.

**H**ENRY L. NEWELL, a prominent farmer of Greenville, was born October 31, 1844, at Pepperell, Mass., son of Lyman and Rachel F. (Withington) Newell. The paternal grandfather, William Newell, was a well-known carpenter and farmer of Mason, N.H. Born August 8, 1772, he died at the age of sixty-five years. His wife, Betsy Hodgeman Newell, died at the age of seventy. Both attended the Congregational church. They reared ten children, three of whom are now living. These are: Betsy, born August 9, 1815, who is the widow of Elisha Withington, and has two children—Harrison E. and George A.; Thirzy, born September 28, 1817, who is the widow of Ira B. Foster, and has two children—Ellen and Sophronia; and Lydia, who is the wife of Abel Adams.

Lyman Newell, the fourth child of William Newell, was born November 15, 1808. A farmer by occupation, he spent the latter part of his life in Westminster, Mass., where he died at the age of eighty-six years. His six children were: Malissa, William, Henry, Augustus, John, and Zulima. Malissa is the widow of Daniel P. Blake, and has one child, Lotta M. William died from the effect of wounds received in the late war, leaving two children—Albion and Harry. Augustus married Abbie Smith, and has three children

— Georgia, Maude, and Fred. John is the husband of Cora Daniels, and the father of four children—Mabel, Charles, Blanche, and Frank. Zulima, now Mrs. Warren Wise, was twice married. Her first husband was George Jennings, who was the father of her daughter Mary. Her daughter Marion was born of her second marriage. Lyman Newell and his wife were members of the Congregational church. In politics he was a Republican.

Henry Newell received a good public-school education, and has since devoted himself to agriculture. He has a farm of about eighty acres of good tillage land in Greenville. In September, 1869, he married Eliza J. Russell, daughter of the late Moses Russell and Betsy (Dunster) Russell, of Greenville. Mr. and Mrs. Newell have had no children. They have an adopted son, William L. Newell, who was born in Marlboro, Mass., son of Thomas Livermore, a soldier of the late war. Mr. Livermore died when his son was very young, and in June, 1895, Mr. and Mrs. Newell legally adopted him. Mr. Newell is a Republican in politics. Both he and his wife are members of the Congregational church of Greenville.

**M**OSES RUSSELL, for many years one of the most highly respected citizens of Hillsboro County, Greenville, where he spent the greater part of his long and useful life, was born in the adjacent town of Mason, December 2, 1793. He was a son of Hubbard and Sarah (Warren) Russell.

The Russell family is of English descent. Richard Russell, who came to this country and settled at Charlestown, Mass., in 1640, was Treasurer of the colony for twenty years. William Russell, with his wife Martha and their son Joseph, born in England about 1636, came over and settled at Cambridge between 1640 and 1645. Other children were born to them at Cambridge. Jason Russell, of the fourth generation in descent from William, and grandfather of Moses Russell, was an extensive landholder and one of the leading men

at Menotomy, as West Cambridge, now Arlington, Mass., was then called. He lost his life in the early days of the struggle for independence, being killed at his own door on April 19, 1775, by the British troops as they were returning from the battle of Lexington. His age was fifty-nine years. A part of the Jason Russell house at Arlington is still standing. He left six children, of whom Hubbard, father of Moses Russell, was the third.

Hubbard Russell removed in 1772 to Mason, N.H., where he was a shoemaker and farmer, and lived to be eighty-eight years old. He was a Congregationalist, and greatly devoted to the church, being a regular attendant at all the services. For years he was a town office holder. He married Sarah Warren, and twelve children were born to them, none of whom are now living.

Moses Russell devoted his attention to farming. He was an active member of the Congregational church in Greenville and a prominent and influential citizen. He married Betsey Dunster, daughter of Jason Dunster, a soldier in the Revolutionary War and a lineal descendant of Henry Dunster, who came from England in 1640, and was the first president of Harvard College. Moses Russell and his wife both died in Greenville in 1885, he at the age of ninety-one, and she at the age of eighty-four years. They were the parents of four children, two sons and two daughters, but only the daughters, Julia A. and Eliza J., survive. Isaiah D., the elder son, died in Worcester, Mass., in 1887. He married N. Maria Wentworth, by whom he had a son and daughter. The son, Charles Addison Russell, now resides in Connecticut, where in 1885 and subsequently he held the position of Secretary of State. For the past six years he has been in the National Congress. The daughter, Annie M., is now Mrs. Marble. Addison Russell, the younger son of Moses and Betsey (Dunster) Russell, died in Worcester, Mass., in 1875. His wife, whose maiden name was Carrie E. Carey, died in 1882. Julia A. Russell is the widow of Henry H. Savin, and has five children, namely: Abbie J., now Mrs. Allen; George H.; Willie H.;

Flora, now Mrs. Noyes; and Lillian, now Mrs. Williams. Eliza J. Russell is the wife of Henry L. Newell, of Greenville, N.H.

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**L**YMAN DAVIS, a well-known blacksmith and wheelwright of East Sullivan, Cheshire County, and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Stoddard, this county, September 25, 1845, son of Marcus and Lydia L. (Wilson) Davis. He is a grandson of Asa Davis, a native of Massachusetts, who when a young man settled upon a farm in Stoddard, and resided there for the rest of his life. Asa Davis married a Miss Hodgeman, and reared a family of seven children; namely, Marcus, Asa, Alden, Isaiah, Sarah, Nancy, and Lizzie.

Marcus Davis, father of Lyman, was born in Stoddard, May 4, 1807, and spent the greater portion of his life on the homestead. He became a well-to-do farmer, and was a highly respected citizen. He died December 2, 1859. His wife, Lydia, who is still living, was born August 10, 1814, a daughter of Colonel William Wilson, of Stoddard. She became the mother of five children, as follows: Elvira, who married D. W. Rugg, a prosperous farmer of Sullivan, and died leaving one son; Albert, a resident of Nelson, who married Rosette Town, and has one daughter; Henry Davis, an account of whom may be found elsewhere in this work; Lyman, the subject of this sketch; and Martha, who is the wife of Leslie H. Goodnow, the Postmaster and Town Treasurer of Sullivan.

Lyman Davis finished his studies at the Marlow Academy, and for a few years after leaving school he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He learned the trades of blacksmith and wheelwright with Ellery E. Rugg, of Sullivan, and for nearly thirty years has been actively and profitably employed thereat in this town. He has served as Selectman five or six terms, is at present Tax Collector and Moderator at town meetings; and while Representative to the legislature in 1893 he was a member of the Committee on Manufacturing. He is connected by membership with the Patrons of Husbandry, and the United

Order of the Golden Cross and attends the Congregational church.

Mr. Davis married Nettie E. Eveleth, born April 28, 1848, a daughter of Charles Eveleth, of Keene.

**E**LBRIDGE CUMMINGS, for thirty-one years the station agent at Fitzwilliam Depot, was born in Marlboro, Cheshire County, N.H., August 6, 1827. His parents were Amos and Mary (Hastings) Cummings. His paternal grandfather, Amos Cummings, Sr., was born in Topsfield, Mass., and was an early settler of Marlboro, where he lived for some time in a log house two miles north of the village. Cutting down trees and splitting rails was a part of his pioneer work. As soon as he was able to do so, he went back to Topsfield, and returned with a wife on horseback. Afterward he built a frame house, and he died there in the seventy-fourth year of his age. A brother of Amos Cummings, Sr., was the first settled minister in Marlboro. His older brothers were soldiers in the Revolutionary War.

Amos Cummings, Jr., lived on the home-stead most of his life, and died in Marlboro village. He held many prominent offices in the gift of the town, was sent as a Representative to the General Court, and was Justice of the Peace for many years. He married Mary Hastings, and by her had five children, as follows: Eliza, Nancy, Eleanor J., Maria, and Elbridge. Eleanor and Maria are married, and both reside in Keene, N.H. Nancy is also married, and her husband spent many years in the compilation of the Cummings Genealogy.

Elbridge, the youngest child of his parents, was educated at the academy at Keene. After leaving school he was variously employed until he was appointed the station agent at Fitzwilliam Depot, which position he held so long and faithfully. He was also one of the first Postmasters here, being appointed in 1864, and serving in this capacity until 1884. In 1892, retiring from the railway service, he bought a fine residence near the station, and has since continued to make his

home in this place. Mr. Cummings has an interest in a woodenware-mill in the town at the present time. He married first Lydia B. Clapp, and after her death he married in 1891 Elizabeth N. Whitney. By his first wife he has one child, a daughter, who married Walter J. Whitcomb, and resides in New York City.

Mr. Cummings is a Republican in politics. He represented his town in the legislature in 1876, and has served three years on the School Board. He is a Mason and a member of the grange.

**R**EED W. McLANE, a farmer and business man of New Boston, and a son of John and Hannah (Whipple) McLane, was born here, August 8, 1860. [Extended accounts of the McLane and Whipple families will be found in the biographies of Neil McLane and James B. Whipple respectively.] John McLane, who was born in Francestown, spent the greater part of his life in New Boston. He was an industrious mechanic, being specially expert at carpenter's work. In religion he was a liberal and in politics a Republican. He died August 16, 1892. His wife, who survives him, resides in New Boston. They had five children, of whom Willie died at the age of eleven, and one in infancy. Those living are: Mrs. Bessie Warren, the widow of Ephraim Warren; James N., a blacksmith of New Boston; and Reed W., the subject of this sketch. James N. is one of the most energetic and progressive business men of the town. Besides conducting his shop, which has a thriving trade, he is also extensively engaged in lumbering.

Reed W. McLane grew to manhood in his native place, and was educated in the town schools. He has been engaged in various enterprises during his life. At present he carries on grist-milling, and also does custom work. He has built up a thriving industry, and has a first-class mill with improved machinery. He also carries on general farming, and deals in coal. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., Webster Lodge, of Goffstown,

and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, No. 37. In religion he is an independent thinker, and in politics he is a Republican. Mr. McLane was married May 6, 1885, to Ada, a native of Weare, N.H., and a daughter of George F. and Mary A. Saltmarsh. They have no children.

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**A**SA B. LYFORD, of Milford, formerly a well-known business man, now living here in retirement, was born in Calais, Washington County, Vt. February 19, 1826, son of David and Susan (Wells) Lyford. The father, whose family was of English origin, was a native of Cabot, Vt. The mother, who came of Scotch people, was a native of Woodstock, in the same State. David Lyford was a carpenter, and also at one time carried on farming on a small scale in Woodbury, Vt. In the War of 1812, in which he was a soldier, he was on duty at Plattsburg. He also belonged to a company of militia, of which he was successively the Lieutenant and Captain. After receiving the latter command, he was familiarly known as Captain Lyford.

After reaching the age of ten years, Asa B. Lyford lived for a time with an uncle, Jonathan Lyford, in Calais. Subsequently, until seventeen years old, he worked on farms and at mechanical labor. During the next two years he was a clerk in a store. Then he went to South Reading, now Wakefield, Mass., and became a travelling salesman. Some time after he entered the employment of the Merrimac Manufacturing Company, cotton manufacturers of Lowell, Mass. Beginning here as an ordinary hand in the carding department, he was later made overseer, a position that he afterward filled for over twenty-six years. In all he worked for this company for forty years. Resigning his position as overseer, he went into a mercantile business here at Milford, in company with Frederick J. Kendall, under the firm name of Lyford & Kendall. After nine years he sold his interest to his partner, and has since lived retired. He began his education in the district schools of his native county. Later in Lowell he was

an attendant of the evening school. Beyond this the lessons he has learned have been chiefly those taught by experience.

Mr. Lyford was united in marriage with Miss Jane Dunlap, of Antrim, N.H. Her father, Thomas Dunlap, now deceased, was a prominent resident of Antrim, which he served as Selectman and as legislative Representative. Three children were born to Asa B. and Jane Lyford, namely: Clara J., now the wife of Frederick J. Kendall; Mary B., the wife of Charles H. Combs; and George C., who died some time ago. As a rule Mr. Lyford supports the Democratic party. He is identified with the Masonic order. Both he and Mrs. Lyford are esteemed members of the First Congregational Church of Milford.

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**G**EORGE PATTEE, a prominent farmer of Goffstown, was born in this town, September 11, 1850, son of Jabez B. Pattee and his wife, Lorinda. His great-great-grandfather, the first John Pattee, was one of the earliest settlers of Goffstown. Coming here in the early days of the settlement, he took up new land, and founded a home and a name for his descendants. The second John Pattee, who was born in 1771, lived on the same farm, and became a large land-owner and an influential man. He owned what is now known as Pattee's Hill, and was for many years a Justice of the Peace. He was a Universalist in religious belief and a Whig in politics. His death occurred March 28, 1829, and that of his wife, Rebecca Ferren Pattee, August 3, 1854.

John Pattee (third), grandfather of George Pattee, was a well-to-do farmer, and owned the farm where his son Jabez now lives. In religion he was a Universalist and in politics a Whig. He died October 30, 1832. His wife, Abigail Burnham Pattee, whose death occurred August 5, 1843, bore him seven children, of whom Julia, Joseph R., Sabra, and William M., are deceased. The others are: Sally E., who resides in Dunbarton, the widow of John Burnham; John C., who lives at Burnett Junction, Wis.; and Jabez, the eldest, who resides in Goffstown. Jabez

Pattee has owned his farm for the last fifty years, and has always been a progressive and enterprising farmer. He is a strong Republican, and he was a member of the Constitutional Convention held in 1876. In 1847 he married Lorinda Jones, daughter of Amos and Rebecca (Diamond) Jones, who came to Goffstown from Derry, Mass. Jabez and his wife are Universalists, and Mr. Pattee is a charter member of the Uncanoonuck Grange. Two married daughters of theirs, Mrs. William U. Carlton and Mrs. J. H. Stiles, live in Goffstown. George Pattee completed the course of the graded and high schools of Goffstown. He has a farm of one hundred and twenty five acres, and makes a specialty of producing milk. His residence commands a fine view of the Uncanoonuck Mountains, whose summits offer the first sight of land to morning steamers bound for Boston. The estate, which he has occupied since 1874, adjoins that of his father. He has been a member of the Board of Selectmen for three years, the chairman for two years, and the Supervisor for six or eight years. He is now a member of the School Board, and takes an active part in town affairs.

Mr. Pattee's first marriage was contracted with M. Louise Hazen, who died in 1882, leaving two children—Bertha M. and Ina. In 1883 he was married again to Lizzie H. Rowe, who lived for six years, and left a son, Carl B., born October 12, 1888. Miss Julina Rowe, who became Mrs. Pattee in 1890, is the daughter of Ezariah and Elvira (Baker) Rowe. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pattee attend the Congregational church. Mr. Pattee has been for five years Master of Uncanoonuck Grange, No. 40, and is a member of I. O. O. F., Webster No. 24, at Goffstown.

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**G**EORGE H. WILSON, a prominent farmer of New Boston and a descendant of one of the early settlers of this place, was born here, August 22, 1840, son of Robert and Fannie (Jones) Wilson. Samuel Wilson, the father of Robert, came to New Boston in the early days of its settlement, locating in the northern part of the

town, where he cleared a farm. He served in the War of 1812. His religious views were liberal. He lived to be one hundred and one years old, and even in his last years was unusually active. He went fishing after he passed the century milestone. His wife, Hannah Wilson, was about eighty-one years of age when she died. They had six children—James, Joseph, Robert, William, Jane, and Elizabeth.

Robert Wilson, the third son of Samuel, born in New Boston in 1792, became a successful farmer and large land-owner. He also did a successful business in teaming and lumbering. From his father he inherited a rugged constitution, and throughout his life hardly knew what it was to be sick. He died suddenly after a hard day's work, at the age of eighty-four years. His wife, Fannie, died at eighty-seven. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom ten reached maturity, and seven are still living. The latter are: Fannie, Daniel, Hannah, Hiram, Andrew C., George H., and Newman J. The deceased were: Margaret, Mary, Rebecca, and Sarah. Sarah's death occurred when she was five years old.

After receiving his education in the schools of New Boston, George H. Wilson took up the occupation of general farmer, which he has since followed, adding thereto those of stock dealing and lumbering. He lived with his parents until twenty-seven years old. The first land he purchased was a twelve-acre lot, and the next, acquired in 1868, the farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres on which he now resides. He has since bought other lands, and now owns about three hundred and fifty acres in New Boston, besides one of the finest farms in Middleton, Essex County, Mass. He deals in cattle, and, making a specialty of the production of milk, he keeps a herd of thirty-five cows.

On April 14, 1864, Mr. Wilson married Miss R. Helen Woodbury. She was born in New Boston, April 14, 1844, daughter of Joshua E. and Rachel (Walker) Woodbury. Mr. Wilson is liberal in his religious views, while he contributes toward the support of the Presbyterian church. He is a Democrat in

polities. In 1896 he was the candidate of his party for Town Representative, but, the Republicans being in the minority, he failed of election.

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**C**HARLES W. FASSETT, a prominent resident of East Jaffrey, N.H., well known as a farmer, horticulturist, and public official, is a native of Cheshire County. He was born in Troy, on December 3, 1848, son of Joseph W. and Sarah A. (Putney) Fassett. His grandfather Fassett, who was a farmer and lumber dealer, was born in Fitzwilliam, N.H. He married Tabitha Wright, and had a family of nine children, named as follows: Tabitha, Benjamin, Joseph W., Gardner, Ephraim, Luther, Danvers, Catherine, and Lois.

Joseph W., father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Fitzwilliam on June 6, 1822. He received his education in the public schools of Jaffrey, and after his school days were ended worked at brickmaking for several years. He subsequently became a farmer, and engaged in agricultural pursuits up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1891. In religion he was a Congregationalist. He was very active in town affairs, and held many public offices, being Selectman for twenty-five years and Overseer of the Poor for many years. He was also a Justice of the Peace and for two terms Representative to the State legislature. He married Sarah A. Putney, daughter of Ezra Putney, of Putney, Vt. She was born on the 25th of August, 1821. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Fassett had three children; namely, Charles W., Abbie Ann, and Frank P. Abbie Ann, now deceased, married Alvin Simons, and lived at Fitchburg, Mass. Frank P. died in infancy. There is also an adopted son, Henry J., who is married, and lives at Wellesley, Mass. He has no children.

Charles W. Fassett was educated in the public schools of Jaffrey and at a business college in Manchester, N.H. Entering upon the work of life as travelling salesman for a business house, and being thus employed for one year, he then engaged in farming and

gardening, which occupation he has followed up to the present time. Enterprising, diligent, and painstaking, he makes a specialty of small fruits, which he cultivates with much success. Like his father, he has been and is active in town affairs, having held the office of Selectman for two years, that of Tax Collector for five years, and of Supervisor for a number of years.

He married Adelia P. Upton, a daughter of Thomas Upton, of Jaffrey. She was born on January 14, 1851. Mrs. Fassett's paternal grandfather, Eli Upton, who lived in Peterboro, N.H., was of the sixth generation in descent from John Upton, the immigrant progenitor of the New England family of Uptons (see large volume entitled "Upton Family Records," by the Hon. William H. Upton, of Walla Walla, Wash.), the line being that of William<sup>2</sup>, the second of the five sons who married and left posterity. Mr. and Mrs. Fassett have one son, Fred W., born in Jaffrey on December 22, 1879, who is now attending school in his native town. The family attend the Congregational church. Mr. Fassett is an Odd Fellow and a member of the grange.

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**R**OBERT CRISTY, who was a native of New Boston and one of the benefactors of the town, was born November 30, 1803, son of Jesse and Olive (Waterhouse) Cristy. His grandfather, Deacon Jesse Cristy, came from Londonderry with his wife, Mary Gregg Cristy, and settled on Clark Hill, the estate known as Whipple farm being his first home in New Boston. Subsequently Deacon Cristy sold his farm to John Whipple, and removed to that part of the town since known as Paper-mill Village, where he erected the mills from which it takes its name. He was chosen Deacon of the Presbyterian church during the ministry of the Rev. Solomon Moore. His wife, who was a woman of unusual size, weighing between three and four hundred pounds, reared a large family of children. These were: Jean, Peter, Samuel, John, Mary, Elizabeth, James, Mary Ann, Jesse,

Robert, Anna, and William. The eldest daughter married James Wilson, and lived on the Peter Jones farm. Several of the sons removed to New Brunswick after the war of the Revolution. Robert went to Ohio after the death of his mother, and was accompanied by his father, who died at his home there. Jesse, whose wife died about 1806, had four children — Abigail, John, Melinda, and Robert. Later in life he became an invalid, and was unable to care for all his children.

Robert Cristy was placed in the family of Mr. Henry at the early age of three years. Subsequently he lived with different families in the town until able to care for himself. Then he went to Goffstown, and remained there until about eighteen years old. When twenty-one years of age, having learned the trades of wheelwright and mason, he found his way to Dover, with only fifty cents in his pocket. Here he soon obtained employment with the Cocheco Manufacturing Company. Afterward by prudence and industrious habits he accumulated a fortune of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. In his will he left to his native town one hundred shares of Boston & Maine stock, the income to be used for the support of common schools in New Boston, English branches to be taught exclusively. His second gift was a bequest of ten shares of Fitchburg stock, the income of which was to be used for the support of preaching in the Presbyterian church; and the income of his last gift, ten shares of the same stock, was left for the support of the deserving poor of the church. He died at the age of eighty-nine, leaving no children, an only child having died in infancy. He was twice married. His second marriage was contracted with the widow Demerrit, who died before his decease. Mr. Cristy was a strong abolitionist, and it is said that he helped many a fugitive on his way to freedom.

**E**DWIN FLANDERS, a farmer of Goffstown, was born in this town, July 1, 1845, son of Gideon and Betsey (Little) Flanders. He belongs to the seventh generation descended from Stephen Flanders,

who came from England in 1638, and located in Salisbury, Mass. Stephen spent the remainder of his life in Salisbury, engaged in farming, and died there in 1684. The next in line was Stephen (second), a native of Salisbury, born in 1646, who died in 1744. His son, Stephen (third), born in 1672, was followed by Asa, who was born in 1707, and lived in South Hampton. Asa's children were: Stephen, Simon, and David. Stephen and David were soldiers in the Revolutionary War.

Simon Flanders, the grandfather of Edwin Flanders, born February 26, 1750, in South Hampton, was among the early settlers of Goffstown, to which he came about the year 1770. He located in the northern part of the town, where he took up new land, and carried on general farming. He was a Universalist in religion. His death occurred April 26, 1836. He married Hannah Leavitt, who was born December 26, 1753, in Rockingham County, and died January 3, 1847. They had ten sons, who all grew to manhood except one. All are now deceased. They were born as follows: Asa, November 27, 1773; Isaac, April 2, 1777; Phillips, March 24, 1779; Jonathan, December 2, 1781; Simon, February 20, 1785; Isaac (second), July 22, 1787; Leavitt, November 15, 1789; Gideon, November 8, 1791; James, December 12, 1795; and David, May 13, 1799. Gideon Flanders, who resided throughout his life in Goffstown, kept a store for a number of years. His main business, however, was general farming. He owned and resided on the homestead which is now occupied by his son. He was Selectman for a time, and was also in the legislature for two terms; he was a Republican from the date of the formation of that party; and he was an attendant at the Congregational church. His wife, Betsey Little Flanders, had four children, namely: Mary, born September 11, 1828, now deceased, who married Clark Hadley; Elizabeth, born March 7, 1834, who died November 30, 1852; Sarah, born August 21, 1841, who is now living in Goffstown; and Edwin, the subject of this sketch.

Edwin Flanders grew to manhood in Goffstown, and was educated in Meriden at Kim-

ball Union Academy. In August, 1863, he enlisted in Company B, First New Hampshire Heavy Artillery, under Captain Barton, but was in no active engagements. He was on service until September, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. After his return from the war he operated a grist and feed mill located at Grasmere, and was also engaged in general farming. He still carries on the latter, owning the old homestead of his father, which contains about one hundred and fifty acres. In his political views he is a Republican, and he has invariably voted with his party. He is greatly interested in educational matters, and has served three terms on the School Board.

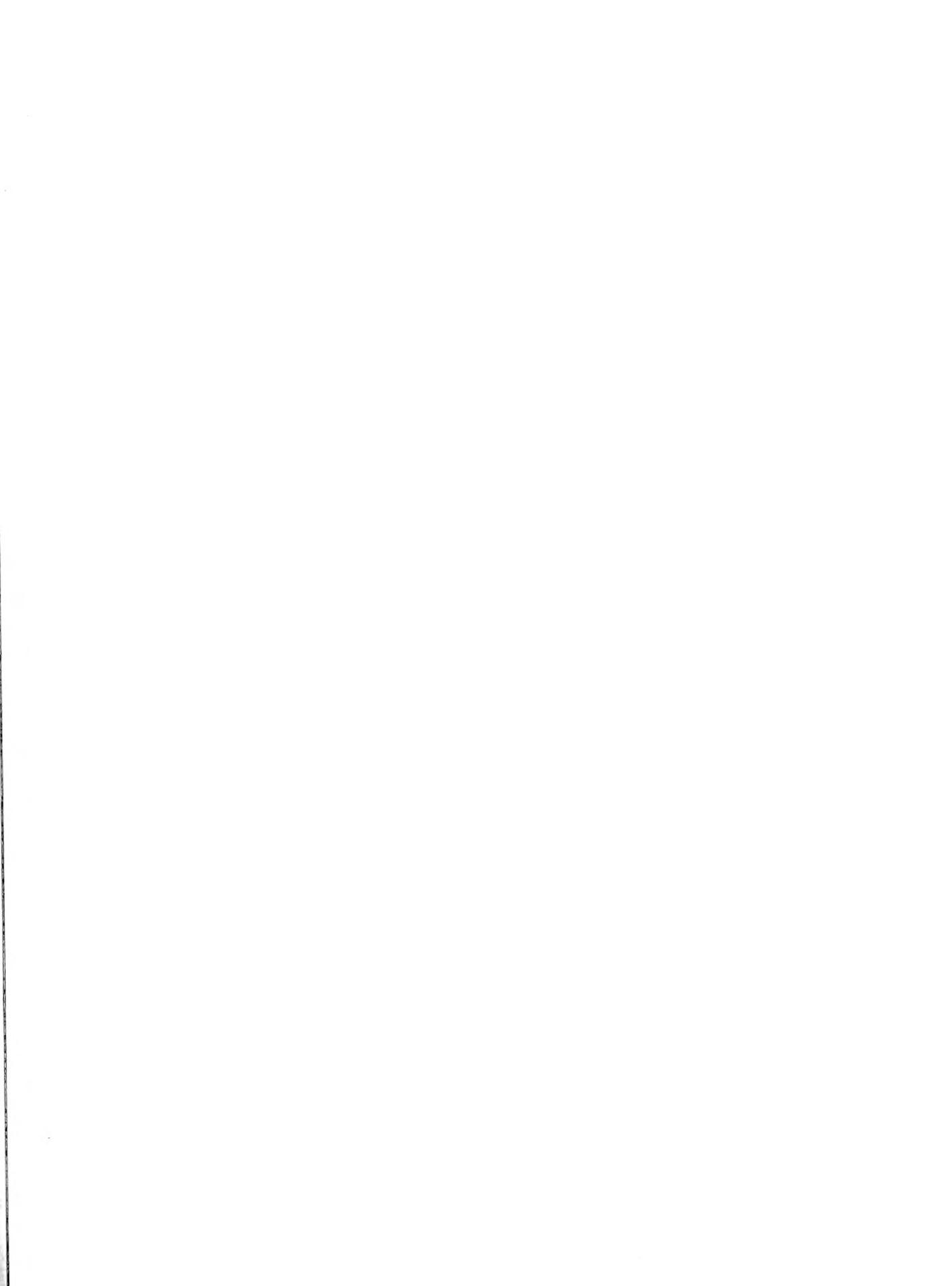
In September, 1873, Mr. Flanders married Mary A. Emerson, who was born in Weare, N.H., in March, 1842, daughter of Jesse and Harriet (Duke) Emerson. Mr. and Mrs. Flanders have no children. They are both members of the Congregational church in the town. Mr. Flanders is regarded as an authority on questions of historical interest.

**A**RTHUR L. MAXFIELD, for many years a leading resident of Winchester, was born in Gilmanton, N.H., now Belmont, on August 31, 1818. His early life was devoted to agricultural pursuits, for which he always had a strong liking. He was still in his youth when he went to Lowell, and secured work in a cotton-mill as bobbin boy. His attention to his work and observant habit won for him the respect of his fellow-workmen and the approval of his employers, and he was soon promoted. In time he became overseer of the mill in which at first he had occupied so humble a position. He subsequently was overseer in mills at Hallowell, Me., and at Chicopee Falls, Mass.; and for fifteen years he held the responsible position of paymaster and book-keeper in the Hampden Mills at Holyoke, Mass. He left the latter position to organize and build the Holyoke Warp Company's mills, which he successfully managed as agent for several years. In 1869 Mr. Maxfield returned to New Hampshire in order to

take a position as superintendent of the Stratton Mills at West Swansey. Here he soon resumed the warp business. In 1872 he sold out and removed to Ashuelot, where he engaged again in the warp business. So successful was this enterprise that the Ashuelot Warp Company was formed. Of this company Mr. Maxfield was partner and subsequently the sole proprietor. The business increased to large proportions, and at the time of Mr. Maxfield's death, which occurred on August 24, 1890, it had for several years been worth from one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually. Two sons, S. Willis and Fred G. Maxfield, were associated in the business, and since the death of their father have continued it. The financial depression has affected this as nearly all other lines of manufacture, but the Maxfield Brothers expect to be at the front in their line of goods when business shall revive.

Mr. Maxfield was a man of strong constitution and a great worker. Perhaps in these two facts lies much of the secret of his success. No man in his employ worked so hard as he did. Requiring but a comparatively small amount of sleep, he would often be at his office at four o'clock in the morning, alert, active, and ready to look after any loose details, to oversee the books, or to plan new ways for extending his business. He was a loyal Republican, but, although an active worker in his party, he never cared for office for himself. He was a radical temperance man, and gave the whole weight of his manly aggressiveness in combating the liquor evil. Always outspoken on any question of principle, he was especially so on this, and he never lost an opportunity to promulgate what he believed to be the truth. In religious views he was a Baptist and his simple-hearted yet firm faith has encouraged and uplifted many a faint heart. He was preparing for church on Sunday morning when the summons to take a longer journey came to him.

Mr. Maxfield was the father of nine children, seven of whom are living. These are: Anna, Ella, Susie, G. A. Maxfield, Willis, Fred G., and Sadie. Sadie lives in Provi-





DANA B. GOVE.

dence, R.I. Anna is a successful music teacher and organist, and resides in Holyoke, Mass. Ella began teaching school in Holyoke at the age of fifteen, and continued in that profession until her marriage with Dr. G. W. Davis. After her marriage she began the study of medicine, graduated from the Women's College at Philadelphia, and is now a practising physician in Holyoke, her husband being deceased. Susie is a well-known school teacher in Holyoke. Dr. G. A. Maxfield is a prominent dentist of that city and a lecturer in one of the New York City Dental Colleges; and he invented some dental appliance, which is meeting with a large sale. He is married, and has one child. S. Willis Maxfield is the executive member of the Ashuelot Warp Manufacturing Company, and thoroughly understands all the details of the manufacturing process, as well as the mechanism of the machinery. In politics he is a stanch Republican. He has been for ten years on the Republican Executive Committee, and he was for a time vice-president of the organization. Enterprising, progressive, and wide-awake, he is one of the popular young men in town and a leader in social and business circles. He is a Master Mason and a member of Cheshire Royal Arch Chapter, No. 4, at Keene.

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**D**ANA BUZZELL GOVE, who was for many years successfully engaged in legal practice in Lowell and Boston, is now residing on the old Gove homestead in Weare, Hillsboro County, N.H., giving his attention to agricultural pursuits. Mr. Gove was born in South Weare, October 20, 1821, son of Jesse and Rhoda (Atwood) Gove. His father, Jesse Gove, born in 1796, son of Daniel Gove, learned the trade of a clothier, and successfully followed that line of business. He was drowned while skating in 1822, when about twenty-six years of age. Rhoda Atwood Gove, his wife, a native of Weare, also died at an early age.

Dana B. Gove was an only child, and, being left an orphan when but a little over a year old, was taken care of for some time by his grandmother Gove. Later he lived with his

uncles, Ebenezer and Asa Gove. His schooling was received in the different places in which he had a home, and at Clinton Grove Academy, Weare. Learning the shoemaker's trade, he followed it for a while in youth and early manhood, but subsequently took up the study of law in Lowell, Mass., with Robert B. Caverly, was admitted to the bar, and began practising in Lowell. He afterward opened an office in Boston. An able lawyer, he devoted many years to his profession, and before his retirement had acquired a large clientage. During the latter part of his legal career he was assisted by his sons, whom he received into partnership, under the firm name of D. B. Gove & Sons, and who now carry on the business. In 1885 he returned to Weare, his native town, and has since been profitably engaged in general farming at the old Gove homestead. He has remodelled the buildings, and made numerous other improvements on the place, which comprises about two hundred acres, and affords a beautiful landscape view, including on a clear day the White Mountains, grandly looming up in the distance.

Mr. Gove was married June 13, 1849, to Miss Susan Morse, who was born in Craftsbury, Orleans County, Vt., November 13, 1823, daughter of Leonard and Elizabeth Morse. Five children have been born to them, and three, two sons and a daughter, are living, namely: Horace D. Gove, a lawyer in Boston; Jesse M. Gove, who is engaged in the practice of law with his brother, is married, and has two sons—Dana B. and Edward J.; and Anna Gove Richardson, M.D., a practising physician, wife of Oscar Richardson, of Boston. In political views Mr. Gove is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church.

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**J**OHN W. STORY, a retail lumber dealer of Goffstown, was born in this town, July 7, 1849, son of Alfred and Sarah (Little) Story. Nehemiah Story, the father of Alfred, came here from Essex, Mass., about the year 1800, settling on a small farm in the central part of the town. An energetic man, he became influential in

the community. In religious belief he was a Congregationalist. He had two sons and two daughters, of whom the only survivor is Hannah, now Mrs. Colburn, of New Boston. Emily married Luther Sargent. The sons were Alfred and William.

Alfred Story began his business career as a tradesman, and for about ten years had a store in Newport, N.H. He subsequently engaged in lumbering, and for a number of years did a large business in this line, being one of the largest dealers in Hillsboro County. He bought many wood lots from which he cut the lumber, and he owned a considerable amount of other real estate. Besides attending to his personal affairs, he was frequently employed to settle estates. During the greater part of his life he made his home in Goffstown. He died here, May 23, 1892, survived by his widow, Sarah Little Story, who continues to reside here. He took much interest in local affairs, served his town as Selectman and Town Treasurer, and was for several terms in the New Hampshire legislature. Of his three children Charles A. died September 10, 1872, aged twenty-five years. The others are: John W. and Mardie L. Story.

After obtaining his education, which was completed in the Francestown and New London Academies, John W. Story dealt in dry goods and groceries in Goffstown for about eleven years. Selling out then, he took up the retail lumber business, in which he is now engaged. He keeps a large supply of building and finishing lumber, and has a good trade, having but little competition. He also has a lumber yard at Henniker, N.H.

Mr. Story was married November 5, 1871, to Miss Annie Austin, who was born in Goffstown, daughter of Daniel B. and Zelia Austin. Mr. Austin, born April 5, 1828, is a carpenter by trade. Mrs. Austin is a native of New Boston, born January 25, 1831. Three of their five children are living, namely: Mrs. Story; Morris Austin, of Manchester; and Mabel. The last named is the wife of Arthur Pattee, of Goffstown. Jennie, who married Edward E. Lawrence, died at the age of twenty-two years; and Miltimore died when four years of age. In politics Mr.

Story is a Democrat. Fraternally, he is a member of Webster Lodge, No. 24, I. O. O. F., of Goffstown; and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Manchester. In 1884 he was appointed Postmaster, and served four years. His religious views are liberal. Mrs. Story is a member of the Congregational church. They reside in Goffstown village, and have a very pleasant and attractive home.

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**J**OHN RUTHERFORD, the Tax Collector of Harrisville and a highly respected resident of the town, was born November 3, 1823, in County Tyrone, Ireland, son of Thomas and Jane (Pendleton) Rutherford. His grandfather, John Rutherford, had four children—Joseph, Thomas, Jane, and Margaret. Thomas, who was born at Dumfries, Scotland, in 1790, died in 1860. He came to America when a young man, and settled in Lowell, Mass., where he worked as stone mason and bricklayer. His wife, Jane, a native of Scotland, was the mother of eight children—Allen, John, Mary Ann, Eliza, Jane, Robert, George, and Joseph.

John Rutherford received his early schooling in Ireland. When a young man he came to America with his parents, and shortly after went to work in a woollen-mill in Lowell. After spending fifteen years in the mill, he came to Harrisville to take charge of the spinning-room in the mill here, and he afterward managed it for about fourteen years. Mr. Rutherford has been active in public affairs, and has faithfully served the town in various important positions. He has been Overseer of the Poor and policeman, and for the last eight years he has been Collector of Taxes.

Mrs. Rutherford, whose maiden name was Diana L. Clarry, was born at Brooks, Me., on April 6, 1831. She has had five children: namely, George, Frank, May, Charles, and Fred. George, born at Lowell in 1865, is engaged in railroading on the Boston & Maine Railroad. He is unmarried. Frank, who was born at Nelson in 1869, resides at Syracuse, N.Y., where he is engaged in the study of law. May, who was born at Harrisville in 1867, is now Mrs. John Carroll, has three

children, and resides at Northfield, Mass. Fred, born at Nelson in 1871, is also employed on the Boston & Maine Railroad. Charles, who was born at Nelson in 1873, is attending school at Montpelier, Vt. Frank and Charles are, like their father, members of the Masonic organization and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Fred belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows. Mr. Rutherford, Sr., is a member of the Congregational church.

**G**EORGE W. MUZZEY, a representative man of New Boston, where he carries on a successful business in farming and lumbering, was born in Weare, N.H., July 18, 1841, son of John D. and Louise (Goodale) Muzzey. His paternal great-grandfather was one of the first settlers of Weare. The son of this pioneer, Thomas, who was born there, and followed the occupation of farmer, became a leader in town affairs. He was Selectman and legislative Representative, besides being for many years a Justice of the Peace. When he died he was seventy-seven years old. He married Polly Paige, a native of Henniker, who was more than seventy years old at her death. In religion both were Universalists. He was a Democrat in politics. Of their six children, all of whom attained maturity, Mrs. Julia Herrick, of Illinois, is the sole survivor. The others were: Page, Phœbe, John D., Emily, and Melissa.

John D. Muzzey, born April 19, 1812, was a native of Weare, where his boyhood and active period were spent. He was profitably engaged in farming and in the business of butcher. During the last fourteen years of his life he resided at the home of his son in New Boston, where he died July 14, 1886. In religion and politics he adhered to the principles supported by his father, being a Universalist in the former and a Democrat in the latter. Louise Goodale Muzzey, his wife, who survives him, is now in her eighty-fifth year, having been born in Deering, N.H., July 28, 1812. She lives with her son.

George W. Muzzey, the only child of his

parents, was educated in the district schools of Weare. He has since given his attention to general farming and lumbering. Coming to New Boston in 1873, he purchased the farm where he now lives, and which is known as the old Shirley farm. He conducts it chiefly as a dairy farm, having a good herd of cattle and improved facilities for dairying. He also has some good horses. The farm contains about one hundred and seventy-five acres. Though he superintends the work connected therewith, his time is principally given to his saw-mill and lumber business.

On August 29, 1864, Mr. Muzzey was married to Miss Edna J. Shirley, who was born on this farm December 17, 1842, daughter of John and Anna (Dodge) Shirley. John Shirley, born in Derry, N.H., in 1800, died in 1856, and his wife, who was born in New Boston in 1803, died in 1882. He was a brick-maker by trade, and he also followed farming. He was bound out in boyhood; but, although he began his career without pecuniary resources, he had a goodly fund of energy that enabled him to become the owner of the Shirley farm. He was an attendant of the Baptist church and in politics a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Shirley had four children, all of whom are living, namely: Rachel, the widow of William Woodbury, late of New Boston, who died February 12, 1897; Elizabeth, now living in Manchester, N.H., the widow of Josiah Philbrick; John Shirley, of La Crosse, Wis.; and Mrs. Muzzey. Mr. and Mrs. Muzzey have no children. In politics Mr. Muzzey is a Democrat. In religion he is a Universalist. Both he and Mrs. Muzzey are members of Joe English Lodge, No. 53, Patrons of Husbandry.

**D**AVID A. PARKER, who, with his brother, J. M. Parker, conducted a store at Parker's Station, Goffstown, for forty years, also carrying on a very extensive lumber business, was born here, October 5, 1824, son of William and Hannah Adams (McGaw) Parker. Before the dawn of the eighteenth century Josiah Parker, from whom this family is descended, came

from England and settled in Cambridge, Mass. Thomas, his son, was the first settled minister at Dracut, Mass., where he died in 1765. A son of Thomas, the grandfather of David A., settled in Litchfield, N.H. William Parker, the father of David A., was born in Litchfield in 1775. He was twice married, first to Hannah Aiken, who died September 30, 1818. His second marriage was made with Hannah Adams McGaw, who, born August 22, 1788, died February 26, 1869. The children of the first union were: Rodney, George W., Caroline, and Margaret Ann. Those of the second were: Hannah A., born November 15, 1819; John McGaw, born September 17, 1822; David Adams, the subject of this sketch; and William Henry, born August 6, 1831.

David Adams Parker was educated in the public schools of this place and at a private academy. Owing to the death of his father he started upon his business career when but fifteen years old. Beginning in 1847, he and his brother, John McGaw Parker, kept the store established by their father at Parker's Station for forty years. They were also partners in a large lumber and mercantile business, and were the leading men in this line in Southern New Hampshire. David always resided at Parker's Station, where he owned a substantial residence. He was twice married, first to Emily S. Palmer, of Manchester, who died in October, 1865, leaving two children. Mr. Parker's son, William A., died September 19, 1887, leaving a widow, who lives in Goffstown, and two children—David W. and Olive A. Alice S., his daughter, is the wife of Irving A. Porter, of West Medfield, Mass. Mr. Parker's second marriage was contracted December 6, 1867, with Mrs. Olive A. Hall Cogswell, widow of Daniel A. Cogswell, of Ipswich, Mass. She was born in South Reading, now Wakefield, Mass., March 27, 1839, daughter of William and Olive S. (Patch) Hall, who were natives respectively of Newton, Mass., and South Reading. The father died April 20, 1891, and the mother on August 23, 1847. Three of their children are living, namely: William, a resident of Allston, Mass.; Edward, in Wenham, Mass.;

and Mrs. Parker. There were no children by Mr. Parker's second union. He died at his residence at Parker's Station, May 26, 1895. His widow, who continues to live at the homestead, is a capable business woman. Since her husband's death she has had charge of certain matters relating to the settlement of his estate.

Mr. Parker was a Republican voter, but would accept no official position. He was a man of rare business capacity, and was a Trustee of the Guarantee Savings Bank at Manchester from its organization. Though not a church member, he, as well as his wife, was a constant attendant at the Congregational church.

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 CHARLES F. APPLETON, a leading farmer and the present Representative of Dublin in the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town on April 6, 1856, son of Jesse R. and Abbie S. (Mason) Appleton. His grandfather, Francis Appleton, died in Dublin, after spending the greater part of his life here. Francis was a highly successful farmer and one of the most progressive in the district. In religious belief he was a Unitarian, and he was a Deacon of the church. He married May Ripley, whose children by him, in addition to one or two that died in infancy, were: Ashley, Gilman, Jesse R., Serena, and Sophia Mary. Jesse R. Appleton, born at Dublin, April 25, 1808, who resided all his life on the old homestead, was a highly successful farmer. He was active in town affairs, and represented the town in the legislature in 1871 and 1872. In the Unitarian church he was also a Deacon. His first wife, Louisa Mason Appleton, bore no children. His second wife, Abbie S., a daughter of Calvin Mason, of Dublin, was the mother of two children: Ellen R., who died at the age of six years; and Charles F.

Charles F. Appleton received a practical education in the common schools of Dublin. After leaving school he went to work at farming on the old homestead, where he has remained to the present time. For the past

twenty years he has owned the farm, and has managed it alone. On the property, which contains about two hundred acres, he carries on general farming, and at the same time pays considerable attention to dairying. In politics Mr. Appleton is a Republican. He has served on the Board of Selectmen for the past three years, and is at present the chairman of the Board. He has also been Town Auditor for a number of years, and he was Supervisor for four years. He is now the Representative to General Court.

Mr. Appleton married Lillian G. Jones, who was born in 1858, daughter of Corydon Jones, of Dublin. Mr. and Mrs. Appleton have two children living — Ellen E. and Arthur T. A son, Martin, died in infancy. Mr. Appleton attends the Unitarian church. He is a prominent and active member of the local grange.

**L**ENDELL DODGE, a prominent and enterprising farmer of New Boston, and a son of Elzaphan and Levina (Dodge) Dodge, was born on the farm where he now lives, May 28, 1838. He is descended from early settlers of Massachusetts. His paternal grandfather, John Dodge, of Wenham, Mass., lived and died in New Boston. The maternal grandfather, Antipas Dodge, born in New Boston, was a son of Benjamin Dodge, a sea captain, who located among the first settlers of the place, near the centre of the town. Both father and son were farmers, and they lived and died on the farm.

Elzaphan Dodge, who was born in Wenham, Mass., December 26, 1790, came to New Boston about the year 1816, and there lived for the remainder of his life. He purchased the present Dodge farm from one William McMillan, and worked hard to improve it, which he succeeded admirably in doing. He was a remarkable man in some respects, holding strong opinions much ahead of his time. For instance, he was an earnest temperance man, and he was one of the first to espouse the anti-slavery cause. These peculiarities rendered him somewhat unpopular, especially as he was wholly fearless in expressing his views; but

his sincerity won respect, and he lived to see some of his ideas put into practice. For many years he was a Deacon of the Presbyterian church. His wife, Levina, who was born in New Boston, March 1, 1797, died March 10, 1891, at the advanced age of ninety-four years. He died at the old home-stead, April 4, 1857, leaving the record of an industrious and conscientious man. Of their ten children, who all attained maturity, Anna, Elnathan, Uziel, Willard, Edwin, Sarah, and Maria are now deceased. Those living are: Mrs. Mary A. Ross, born March 27, 1831, now of Danvers, Mass.; Allen, born December 27, 1836, now of Lowell, Mass.; and Lendell, the subject of this biography.

Lendell Dodge obtained his education in the New Boston schools. Since then he has devoted his life to general farming and dairying. He owns an excellent farm of over two hundred acres of good land. The original estate left him by his father was smaller. Besides enlarging it, he has considerably enhanced its value by improvements. He has a comfortable residence and good out-buildings. The dairy arrangements are in accordance with the most advanced ideas. He keeps twenty-five head of graded Jerseys, and does an extensive business in butter and cream. The farm-house has a picturesque location, and commands a beautiful view. Mr. Dodge has been Supervisor of the Check List, and also a member of the School Board. His religious beliefs are those of the Presbyterian faith, and his family are members of that church. In politics he and his sons are Republicans. Both he and Mrs. Dodge are charter members of Joe English Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

Mr. Dodge was married December 25, 1871, to Ellen O., daughter of William O. and Orinda (Odell) Lamson, who was born in Mont Vernon, December 4, 1851. The Lamsons are an old family of the latter place. Mr. Lamson, who was a farmer there throughout his mature life, died July 17, 1896; and his wife's death occurred November 24, 1874. Mr. and Mrs. Dodge have two children — William O. and Edwin H. A daughter, Ella May, born to them August 2, 1878, died Janu-

ary 27, 1879. William O., who was born September 26, 1872, is associated with his father in business, and lives at home. He was married November 27, 1895, to Cora L. Fisk. Both he and his wife are members of the Joe English Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. Edwin H., born April 26, 1874, who also resides at home, is a clerk in Atwood's store in New Boston, and is likewise a member of the Joe English Grange. One of the leading farmers of the community now, Mr. Dodge, Sr., has earned his position by his industry and enterprise.

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**F**RANK J. WILSON, a farmer of high standing in Antrim, was born in that town, March 13, 1850, son of James M. and Achsah (Boutelle) Wilson. His grandfather, Jesse Wilson, who was born in Pelham, N.H., followed the trade of carpenter for some years. In his latter days Jesse was engaged in farming in Antrim. He married Patty Hall, of whose seven children by him the youngest was James M. None of them are now living. Jesse Wilson died at the age of forty-two, while his wife lived to be sixty-two years old.

James M. was born in Antrim, and lived there all his life. An industrious and successful farmer, his life was an exemplary one, and he was highly respected by all who knew him. He was a Democrat in politics. His wife was a member of the Presbyterian church. She died at the age of forty-nine, and he at the age of seventy-two. Of their seven children five are living; namely, Aurella, James H., Abbie S., Frank J., and George C. Aurella is the wife of Allen J. Skinner, of Springfield, Mass., and they have one child living, Arthur J. James H. married Sarah Tucker, of Lockport, N.Y., who has had no children. Abbie S. is the wife of James Gove, of Antrim, and has three children — Harry J., Walter Samuel, and Willie B. George C. married Lillian Lewis, of Springfield, Mass., and has three children — Bertha, Raymond, and Lewis.

Frank J. Wilson went to the common schools in his native town, and after leaving

school took up farming, which he has followed to the present time. He now owns and lives on the farm where he was born. The property embraces one hundred and twenty-nine acres. Besides this he has about seventy acres of other land. He has been very successful in general farming, and is a most popular and influential citizen. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, and he is an Elder of that society. In politics he is a Democrat, and he belongs to the grange of Antrim. Mr. Wilson was married September 14, 1880, to Junia Barker, daughter of Alvin Barker, of Antrim, and they have two children — Ida M. and Achsah M.

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**L**UTHER A. BLOOD, a native and prominent resident of Mason, was born October 23, 1831, son of Calvin and Inda (Blood) Blood, both of the same place. Amaziah Blood, the grandfather of Luther, was a farmer and a resident of Groton, Mass. His wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Green, had two children, neither of whom is now living. The younger, Calvin, who was born in Groton, and who came to Mason when about twenty years of age, in the course of time purchased a farm in order to devote himself to agriculture. He died at the age of eighty-nine years. In politics he was a Democrat. His wife, Inda, was eighty-three years old at her death. Both were members of the Christian Church of Mason, and they brought up their eight children in good old Puritan fashion. Of the latter, three are now living, namely: Zoa G., who is the wife of George Barrett, of Wilton, N.H., and has four children — Everet, Wilbur, Oldis, and Elsie; Luther A., the subject of this sketch; and Laura J., who is the wife of Henry G. Shattuck, of Brookline, N.H., and has three children.

Luther A. Blood was educated in the public schools. At an early age he learned the trade of carpenter, and thereafter followed it for several years. At the present time he is a farmer. Besides a farm, containing about one hundred acres of tillage land, he owns

about two hundred acres of other land. In 1862, on the last day of December, Mr. Blood married Harriet A. Blood, daughter of Isaiah Blood, of Townsend, Mass. The eldest of their four children, Lillian, is now the wife of Frank Marshall, of Hull, Mass. The others are: Eda M., Kittie Belle, and Abbie B.

Both Mr. Blood and his wife hold liberal views in religious matters. In polities he is a Democrat. He has held the office of Selectman and also of Tax Collector in his native town for a number of years. At present he is a trustee of the library and of the school fund. He is one of the leading men of Mason, and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

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**R**EV. CHARLES BROWN ELDER, the pastor of the Unitarian church at Keene, was born February 16, 1856, in the city of Portland, Me. He attended the Portland High School, winning while there a "Brown Medal." Graduating in the class with him was Lieutenant Peary, since so widely famous as an explorer in the Arctic regions. While a student of Brown University, Mr. Elder determined to devote his life to the ministry. He graduated when twenty-one years old, and in the following September entered Harvard Divinity School, from which he graduated with the class of 1880. He was ordained to the ministry at Neponset, Mass., and preached there for the ensuing four years. He was then called to South Boston, where he remained four years, during which his work was pleasant though arduous, and he was able to unite the two societies of that place under one pastorate. In the fall of 1889 Mr. Elder was installed at Keene. Since his coming, the society has increased in influence, and Mr. Elder has found zealous helpers and harmonious conditions.

The Unitarian Society of Keene was established March 18, 1824; and the original church structure, which stood on the present site of Chamberlain's store, was erected in 1830. In 1868 it was remodelled and rededicated. The present artistic structure, stand-

ing at the corner of Washington and Taler Streets, was dedicated January 24, 1895. Its erection, together with that of the parish house, cost thirty-two thousand dollars. The main church building, forty-three feet by ninety feet, is constructed of Roxbury granite, and has a slate roof. The parish house, which is connected as an L, is fifty-six feet by thirty feet, and contains kitchen, dressing-rooms, and an assembly-room. In the church are three handsome memorial tablets. The bell is the one that was donated to the old society. About two hundred and fifty families are connected with this church organization, and the society is popular and prosperous. It is one of the largest of the denomination in the State, and makes liberal contributions to all charitable and benevolent objects. Some of the ablest men Keene has known have been connected with the organization. One of the former ministers, the Rev. William O. White, now living in Brookline, Mass., venerable in years, was in charge for twenty-seven years. The Rev. Abiel Abbott Livermore, now deceased, was for thirteen years pastor of this church. Both of these clergymen exerted great influence in the community. Under the society's auspices is the Unitarian Club, embracing about seventy-five of the most prominent business men of the city. The club, which meets once in every month during the fall and winter, aims to encourage friendly relations among Unitarians, and to promote the general interests of the denomination.

Mr. Elder's wife, in maidenhood Miss Almira Adie Brown, of Providence, R.I., is his active assistant in church work. She is the mother of Marion, Christine, and Marjorie Elder. Mr. Elder's vacations have been largely spent in travel, by which he has been able to secure that liberal culture so essential to breadth of view and large charity. He has visited Europe twice, and has journeyed in France, Germany, Holland, and England. His parishioners and the people of Keene, generally, have been able to follow his travels in thought, as he has often spoken in his Sunday evening discourses of the various places of interest visited by him.

**F**REDERICK J. LAWRENCE, a prominent farmer of Jaffrey, Cheshire County, N.H., was born in this town on October 13, 1851, his parents being John S. and Eliza (Emery) Lawrence. His grandfather was Ithamar Lawrence, who was born in this State and lived and died in Jaffrey, a farmer by occupation. He had a family of three children.

John S. Lawrence, father of Frederick J., was born in Jaffrey, was educated in the town schools, and here spent all his life engaged in farming. He was noted for honesty and fair dealing, and as being a man who could always be depended upon to keep his word. His wife, Eliza, was a daughter of Ralph Emery, of Jaffrey. She was the mother of three children; namely, Corrie E., Ella F., and Frederick J. Corrie E. Lawrence married Lucius A. Cutter, a prosperous farmer of Jaffrey. Ella F., who is now deceased, was the wife of Albert A. French, also of Jaffrey.

Frederick J. received his education in the Jaffrey schools, and being the only son of his parents, on arriving at man's estate, naturally settled down to farming on the old home-stead, where he may be found at the present time. Proprietor of a farm of about three hundred acres, he carries on a large business in general agriculture. During the summer the Lawrence dwelling is opened as a boarding-house, and guests from Boston and other cities come here year after year to seek rest and recuperation. Mr. Lawrence is active in town affairs. He has served as Selectman for six years, has also served as Supervisor, and has held minor offices. In 1892 he represented Jaffrey in the legislature, where he was a member of the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Lawrence married Clara A. Cutter, daughter of Nehemiah Cutter, of Jaffrey. She was born on June 14, 1851. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence have one son, Loren W., who was born on November 12, 1877. He is with his father on the farm.

Mr. Lawrence is a prominent member of the grange, and is known throughout the county and State. He was first Master of

the local lodge. He is also a member of the Order of the Golden Cross. He and his family are members of the Congregational church, and are generous supporters of that body, both morally and financially.

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**L**EONARD ROBERTSON, an energetic farmer and a respected resident of Goffstown, was born March 8, 1832, on the farm he now occupies on Shirley Hill, son of Gilman and Relief (Wyman) Robertson. Gilman Robertson, a native of Amherst, N.H., born in 1800, came to this farm before his marriage, some time between 1821 and 1823. Besides general farming he made a specialty of hop-raising, at which he was quite successful, becoming one of the largest hop raisers in this section. He served the town in the capacities of Selectman and Representative in the New Hampshire legislature. In politics he was a Jacksonian Democrat, while in religion he was a liberal. He died here January 7, 1872. His wife, Relief Wyman Robertson, who was a native of Goffstown, died November 16, 1891. Their children were: Noel, who died when sixteen months old; Leonard, the subject of this sketch; and Gilman F., born February 2, 1837, a farmer and saw-mill owner of Goffstown.

Leonard Robertson grew to manhood on the home farm, receiving his education in the town schools and at New London Academy. General farming and lumbering have been the chief occupation of his mature years, and he now owns three hundred acres of land in New Boston, Bedford, and Goffstown.

On November 26, 1857, Mr. Robertson married Elizabeth Hatch, who was born August 24, 1832, in England, whence she came to Canada with her parents when a little child. Two daughters have been born of the union, namely: Emma E., on September 26, 1858, who is now the wife of William McDougal, of Goffstown; and Nettie J., on August 31, 1866, who is the wife of George L. Eaton, of Grasmere, and has one son, William R., born September 5, 1896. Mr. Robertson has always supported the Republican

party. He acceptably filled the office of Selectman for two terms, and in 1879 he represented the town in the New Hampshire legislature. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson are not identified with any religious body, but contribute toward the support of the Baptist church here.

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**E**BEN L. BARTLETT, a successful farmer of New Boston and a son of Daniel and Anar (Loveren) Bartlett, was born in Deering Hillsboro County, November 23, 1835. His grandfather, Daniel Bartlett, who was among the early settlers of Deering and a farmer of high standing there, died on the old homestead when about ninety-three years of age. Of Grandfather Bartlett's eight children his daughter Eleanor is living. The others were: John, Daniel, Caleb, Josiah, Abigail, Dolly, and Harvey.

Daniel Bartlett, Jr., the father of the subject of this sketch, born in Deering, July 1, 1800, was also a farmer, owning land in Deering. He was a highly respected, industrious man, a Universalist in religious belief, and in politics a Democrat. He married Anar Loveren, who, born February 11, 1802, died July 16, 1884. His death occurred August 13, 1849. They had six children; namely, Reuben L., Abigail, Elmeda and Climenia (twins), Eben L., and Mary. Reuben L., born January 21, 1822, died November 19, 1847. Abigail, born February 10, 1824, is now the widow of John M. Wallace, and lives in New Boston. The twins were born November 25, 1827. Elmeda became the wife of William Orne, of New Boston. Climenia was twice married, first to Joseph M. Orne, who died. Her second husband was Milton J. Wallace, of New Boston. Mary, born January 13, 1844, died seven days after.

Eben L. Bartlett spent his boyhood in Deering till he was fifteen years of age. He received his education in that town, in Hancock, and in Saxtonville, Vt. After completing his schooling, he was engaged in teaching for a short time, and then worked at various occupations for a number of years. Later on he became interested in farming, and located

in New Boston, buying an estate of sixty-five acres, known as the Deacon Bennett farm. He has since enlarged the farm and made improvements. At present he owns about one thousand acres in New Boston and Deering. The old Bartlett home in Deering, which is also his, has been in the possession of the family for over a hundred years. He resided for thirty-five years on the farm in New Boston where his son now lives, and still owns the property. Both he and Mrs. Bartlett are Universalists, and he is a Democrat in politics. He has been Collector and Town Agent for several years.

Mr. Bartlett was married March 4, 1855, to Abbie M. Hall, who was born in New Boston, January 15, 1836, daughter of Nathan and Lucy (Dodge) Hall. Mr. Hall, born in Brookfield, Mass., was a farmer and blacksmith, while his wife was a native of Amherst, N.H. She died March 7, 1855, and he, November 16, 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett have one son, Daniel H., who is a farmer, and lives in New Boston. Daniel has been twice married, first to Nettie Tewksbury, who died. For his second wife he married Lydia A. Jones. He has had three children, namely: Ernest A., born September 25, 1876; Linnie A., who died when nine years old; and Fred D., who died at the age of four months. The elder Mr. Bartlett and his wife lost three children. These were: Fred and Frank, twins, who died aged respectively four and ten months; and Lucy A., who died at the age of sixteen years.

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**M**OSSES FREEMAN FOSTER, a prominent resident of the town of Milford, having an interest in various cotton-mills in New England, the West, and the South, was born here, January 6, 1832, a son of Moses and Fannie (Coggin) Foster. (An extended account of his ancestry will be found in the biography of his brother, John E. Foster, on another page.) He remained with his parents until about seventeen years old, attaining a practical education in the public schools and at the Literary and Scientific Institute which

flourished for a time in Hancock, this State. He then entered the Milford cotton-mill, beginning in the lowest department, and during the three years that he remained there became familiar with the work of various rooms. Going then to Hampden County, he continued his residence in that part of the State for four years, being employed in the mills of Chicopee, Holyoke, and Indian Orchard. From Indian Orchard he went to Cannelton, Ind., where he was employed as overseer in a cotton-mill for two years. Returning to New England after this, he was for a time employed in the Pemberton Mills at Lawrence, Mass. In 1858 he accepted the position of overseer in the Augusta Cotton Factory at Augusta, Ga., and afterward held it throughout all the troublous times of the Civil War. On leaving there he was superintendent of the Franklin Factory in Cincinnati, Ohio, for a year. Again returning to New England, Mr. Foster was for a year connected with the Kitson Machine Works of Lowell, Mass., as agent and draughtsman, making his residence in Milford. He was subsequently employed by William C. Langley & Co., of New York City, to look after their mill property in South Carolina. While there he organized the Langley Manufacturing Company in Langley, S.C., for the manufacture of cotton goods, becoming financially interested in the factory, and for eighteen years serving in the capacity of superintendent of the entire business, having from three to four hundred hands under his control. He also assisted in organizing the Sibley Manufacturing Company at Augusta, Ga., becoming a stockholder and one of the original directors. In 1886 he returned to his native town, where he owns a homestead of one hundred acres, and which has practically been his home since then. Subsequently he helped to organize the Denison Cotton Manufacturing Company at Denison, Tex., furnishing the plans for the mills, superintending their construction, and for a time acting as the general manager of the business, in which he has a financial interest. Mr. Foster's success in his various undertakings may be attributed solely to his enterprise and persistence, having been obliged to work

his way from an inferior position as a mill hand.

In 1860, September 13, Mr. Foster was united in marriage with Miss Adelaide L. Doane, of Lawrence, Mass. Their only child, Fannie D., was born during the residence of her parents in Georgia. Mr. Foster has served as Selectman of Milford for one year. In politics he is a Democrat, with Independent proclivities. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Benevolent Lodge, No. 7, of Milford; to King Solomon Chapter, also of this town; and to St. George's Commandery of Nashua.

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**E**DWARD WILCOX, who has for many years been identified with the manufacturing interests of Swanzey, Cheshire County, was born in Gilsum, N.H., December 31, 1824, son of Edmund and Abigail Willey (Sanger) Wilcox. The family is probably of Scotch origin; and the subject of this sketch is a descendant of Obadiah Wilcox, who was born in Guilford, Conn., in 1717. He was the first of the name to settle in Gilsum, and he died there in 1796. He was the father of Eleazar, who was born in Guilford in 1749, and died in 1823. Edmund Wilcox, sixth child of Eleazar, was born in Gilsum, May 25, 1793. He married Abigail Willey Sanger, and had a family of four children, namely: Valeria; Sarah; Leonard; and Edward, the subject of this sketch. Edmund Wilcox died August 7, 1825, having passed his entire life of but little over thirty-two years in his native town.

Edward Wilcox began his studies in the district schools, and completed his education at the Hancock Academy. He was engaged in mechanical and business pursuits until 1861, when he embarked in the manufacture of clothes-pins at Swanzey; and here in 1874 he engaged in the manufacture of boxes. He was for a short time associated with a partner, under the firm name of Bigelow & Wilcox, but afterward carried on business alone until admitting his son, Allen C., to partnership in 1884, since which time the firm has been E. Wilcox & Son. They manufacture all kinds

of wooden boxes, including the lock-corner box, and employ an average of ten men. They own timber land, from which they haul considerable lumber, and they also buy of other operators.

In politics Mr. Wilcox is a Republican, with independent views. He served as a Selectman from 1880 to 1883, and was a member of the House of Representatives in 1878, the last annual session of the legislature. He is a charter member of the local commandery of the Order of the Golden Cross, and was its first Commander.

Mr. Wilcox married Eliza A. Heywood, daughter of Thomas P. Heywood, formerly of Troy, N.H. Mrs. Wilcox's father was for some years engaged in business in Vermont, and his last days were passed in retirement in Swanzey. He reared a family of three sons and two daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox have had six children.

Allen C. Wilcox, who is associated with his father in business, was a Selectman from 1891 to 1896, being chairman of the Board for the years 1894 and 1895, was elected Representative to the legislature in 1893, and was chosen a member of the School Board for three years in 1896. In politics he is a Republican. He has occupied the important chairs in the Order of the Golden Cross and the local grange. He is an earnest advocate of temperance, and attends the Congregational church. Allen C. Wilcox married Addie M. Lyman, daughter of Leonard Lyman, of Swanzey, and has two children — Florence C. and Grace I.

**J**AMES McCURDY was a prominent farmer of New Boston. A native of Londonderry, N.H., he was born in July, 1776, son of John and Nancy (Cochrane) McCurdy. His great-grandfather, also named James, who was born in Londonderry, Ireland, came to America, and was one of the first settlers of Londonderry, N.H. Robert, the grandfather, married Agnes Christie. Their son, John, who spent the greater part of his life in Londonderry, which is now called Derry, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. In his latter years he

moved to New Boston, where he lived during the rest of his life. His wife, Nancy, died about the year 1770, and he contracted a second marriage with a Miss Kelso. By the first wife there were two children: James, the subject of this sketch; and John, who was born in 1778. The offspring of the second wife were: Jesse, Robert, and Nancy. The father died in 1824, at the age of seventy-nine years.

At the age of nine James McCurdy lived on a farm, doing what work a boy of that age could do. He was with a Mr. Kelso till he was about eighteen or twenty years of age, receiving only his board and scanty clothing in compensation for his labor. It need hardly be said that his opportunities for an education were decidedly limited. After leaving Mr. Kelso, he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed off and on for the greater portion of his life. He bought his first land where his daughter, Miss A. E. McCurdy, now lives. It was only half a lot, but he added to it, and subsequently became a large land-owner. He spent the rest of his life on the place, in a comfortable and commodious residence, which he erected there. He was an attendant at the Presbyterian church, and in politics during his latter years he was a Republican.

Mr. McCurdy was married in April, 1813, to Elizabeth C. Moore, who was a native of New Boston. Her father, Solomon Moore, born in the north of Ireland, was of Scotch descent. A graduate of Glasgow University, he came to this country, settling in New Boston as the first minister in the town. His wife, whose maiden name was Ann Davidson, was a daughter of William Davidson, one of the first settled ministers in Londonderry, N.H. It is said that, on the arrival of Pastor Moore and his wife, the people of the town were so rejoiced that they carried her in triumph to her new home there. James McCurdy died October 4, 1857. His life was an example of what determination and perseverance can do. Starting a poor boy, he was at his death the owner of more than three hundred acres of land. The entire north side of Joe English Hill was his property. His wife died April 28, 1876. Their children were:

Solomon M., who was born October 22, 1814, and died March 16, 1896, in New Boston; Witter S., born April 19, 1817, who is a real estate man in Lawrence, Kan.; John, born February 6, 1819, who died in Nevada, September 3, 1895; James was born October 21, 1821, who died March 10, 1896; Jesse, born September 21, 1824, who was an enterprising, retired business man, and now lives in Lawrence, Kan.; and Ann Elizabeth, who was born February 18, 1827. Ann Elizabeth McCurdy has always lived on the old home place. She has a beautiful home here. Joe English Hill, the highest in the town, is largely her property. It is a lovely wooded eminence named after the Indian, Joe English, who was a true and trusted friend to the early settlers of New Boston, and who finally lost his life by his efforts in behalf of his white friends. A more extended account of this interesting place may be found in the History of New Boston.

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JOHN E. FOSTER, a skilful and successful agriculturist of the town of Milford, was born May 17, 1824, on the farm where he now resides, son of Moses and Fannie (Coggin) Foster. The Foster family, which is of English origin, was first represented on American soil by one Reginald Foster, who, with his family, emigrated to Massachusetts in 1630. His son, Abraham, was born in Devonshire, England, in 1622. The next in line of descent was Caleb Foster, born in Ipswich, Mass., who was followed by Jonathan Foster, Sr., and Jonathan Foster, Jr., both also natives of Ipswich. Then came Moses Foster, Sr., the paternal grandfather of John E. He removed from Massachusetts to New Hampshire, locating in Milford, being the founder of the family here.

Moses Foster, Jr., spent his entire life in Milford, having been a well-to-do farmer and an influential citizen of his day. He was a public-spirited man, liberal in his views concerning local matters. On the formation of the Free Soil party he became one of its most ardent supporters. He was a member of the

Baptist church. A man of good habits, he had a long life, and died in 1874. Of the children born to him and his wife, there are still living: the Rev. Joseph C. Foster, D.D., of Randolph, Mass.; John E.; Moses F.; and Benjamin F.

John E. Foster was reared to man's estate on the homestead, obtaining his elementary education in the public schools of this town, and at the Literary and Scientific Institute of Hancock, N.H. For about three years after his graduation he was engaged in teaching, spending his first year in Amherst and the remainder of the time in Woodford County, Illinois. Since that time he has been chiefly engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. For a number of years he transacted probate business for Hillsboro. He has a well-equipped farm of seventy-five acres, which he has managed in an able and systematic manner. Having taken much interest in local history, he is well informed on the subject, and has largely contributed to the new history of Milford. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and for four years he served his fellow-towns-men as Selectman.

On February 15, 1848, Mr. Foster was married to Miss Sophia P. Farley, daughter of Jesse and Mary (Phelps) Farley. Both her parents, who were natives of Hollis, N.H., where they spent their lives, died when she was very young, leaving ten children. Of these John, Alfred, and Jefferson are living, all residents of Hollis, their native town. Benjamin Farley, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Foster, was one of the earliest pioneers of Hollis, having removed there from Bedford, Mass., when the land was in its primeval wildness. Possessing much force of character, he had considerable influence in the community, which he served in various official capacities, and he was prominent in church work. Mr. and Mrs. Foster have two children, namely: George E., who is a graduate of Cornell University, resides in Ithaca, N.Y., and is the manager and editor of the *Ithaca Democrat*, a leading local journal; and Flora S., the wife of George N. Woodward, of Milford. Both Mr. and Mrs. Foster are members of the Milford Congregational

Church, of which he has been Deacon for a quarter of a century.

**G**EORGE G. PAGE, a leading dairyman of Swanzey, was born in this town on March 13, 1852, son of Leander Page. His great-great-grandfather was among the earliest settlers of Swanzey, coming here when there were no roads, and when men found their way through unbroken forests, inhabited by savage animals, and perhaps by hostile Indians. A barrel, brought here on horseback by this early ancestor, and preserved in the family for several generations, was destroyed, much to the regret of Mr. Page, on March 17, 1894, at the time when his barn was burned. Ezekiel Page, grandfather of George G., was a man of mechanical and inventive genius. He invented a spinning-wheel, which was looked upon as a marvellous production. He also made many barrels, which he easily disposed of among his neighbors; and he made a rude kind of buggy, which, though not so graceful as those now in use, was braced thoroughly, and was strong and durable. Samuel Page, the great-grandfather of George G. Page, built the first house, a part of which is the L of the present house.

Leander Page, the father of George G., was born on the old homestead, and died there in June, 1893. He was a very industrious man, and was engaged chiefly in buying and selling cattle and in raising stock. In politics he was successively a Whig and a Republican. His health failing, he gave the charge of the farm to his son George. Leander had a family of ten children. One of his sons, Charles E., is at West Swanzey; another, Henry, who resides in Marlboro, N.H., is in the meat business. The daughters are: Mrs. Lillian Dickinson, who resides in Providence; Mrs. Ida Spofford, who lives at Winchendon, Mass.; Mrs. Sarah L. Cloudman lives in Alexandria, N.H.; and Elsie and Clara live in Keene.

George G. Page attended the common schools in the Swanzey district, and subsequently assisted his father on the farm. He

was but twenty-one years of age when he received the entire charge of the farm. After the death of his father he bought the property. It then embraced about one hundred and sixty acres. Mr. Page has since added pasture lands, and it now contains about two hundred acres. Making a specialty of the milk business, he has acquired a profitable milk route between Swanzey and Keene, the best people there being his customers. He keeps about twenty-five head of cattle, of which about twenty are milch cows. Many old articles of furniture, such as chairs, clocks, etc., which have the marks of use and age, are cherished for their history and associations. His children are the fifth generation of Pages that have been born in the old house.

Mr. Page married Alice C. Eastman, a daughter of George W. Eastman, and four children have been born to him; namely, Guy C., Ernest E., Leander, and Arthur G. He is a member of Golden Rod Grange of Swanzey and of the United Order of Pilgrim Fathers of Keene. In politics he is a Republican. He has never sought office, and he refused to serve as Road Agent for the town when he was elected some four years ago. He has, however, charge of the roads in this section of the town. The destruction of his barn three years ago was a heavy loss to him, but he has well recovered from it since. He makes friends readily, and his genial manners have been important factors in bringing about his success.

**C**HARLES S. PARKER, an esteemed resident of Milford, was born September 15, 1843, in Amherst, this county, son of Thomas B. Parker. He is of English ancestry and the representative of a prominent pioneer family of Hollis, Hillsboro County. His paternal grandfather, Josiah Parker, was a native of Hollis.

Thomas B. Parker, who was also born in Hollis, removed in his boyhood with his parents to Amherst, which remained his place of residence until his death at an advanced age in August, 1892. He was endowed by nature with great mechanical and constructive talent,

becoming proficient in the use of tools of all kinds. For many years he carried on co-operating in connection with general farming, being skilful and successful in each industry. He was a strong Democrat in politics. Though often solicited by his many friends to accept important offices of trust in the town, he persistently refused, preferring the quietude of his home circle, although he did at times attend county conventions as a delegate. Possessed of much musical talent, having a remarkably rich, strong, and flexible voice, he was for many years the leader of the choir of the Baptist church. Held in high regard for his many sterling qualities of head and heart, his death was mourned in Amherst as the loss of a most valued member of the community. Of his union with Miss Mary Hildreth, of Amherst, five children were born, two of whom survive their parents. These are: Henry M., of Amherst; and Charles S., the subject of this sketch.

Charles S. Parker was reared to manhood on the parental homestead, acquiring a practical education in the district schools of Amherst. Inheriting the mechanical skill for which his father was noted, he was engaged in mechanical pursuits to a large extent during his earlier years, working both in wood and iron with equal dexterity. For over thirty years he made casks. He also manufactured vinegar, having all modern appliances for that purpose. He, however, made farming his chief occupation, and still owns the old homestead of one hundred acres, which he managed with good success. In 1894 he removed to Milford, building a commodious residence in the village on Amherst Street, where he now resides, occupying a place of prominence among the foremost citizens of the town. While living in his native town, Mr. Parker served as Selectman for four years, and for a long time he was Town Auditor. In politics he is independent, voting according to the dictates of his conscience.

On April 28, 1880, Mr. Parker married Miss Hattie M. Grater, who was born in Amherst, a daughter of the late James Grater, of that place. Of this union two children were born — Leon H. and Minnie C. The latter

died August 6, 1884. On January 26, 1896, the devoted wife and tender mother was taken from the home circle.

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**C**HARLES B. DODGE, a capable and enterprising business man of Milford, is well-known as a dealer in paints, oils, varnishes, artists' supplies, hardware, glassware, besides carrying house and picture mouldings, and framing pictures to order. He was born September 15, 1849, in Nashua, this county, son of Charles Dodge. The father was born in Peterboro, N.H., where his father, Moses Dodge, familiarly known as Captain Dodge, was for many years a prominent resident. Charles Dodge grew to manhood in his native town, but subsequently moved to Nashua, where he was overseer of the spinning department in the Indian Hill Cotton Mills for a long time. In 1853 he went to Mexico, accepting the position of agent for the large cotton-mill established at Tizapan, about eleven miles from the city of Mexico, where he still resides, being now an active man, though seventy-six years old. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Saunders, spent her entire life in Nashua, dying there in 1856, not many years after her marriage.

Charles B. Dodge was a pupil in the public schools of Nashua until thirteen years old. Then he was sent to Mont Vernon to complete his education in what was then known as Appleton Academy, but is now called McCollom Institute. When sixteen years old he went with his father to Mexico, where he lived two years, seeing much of the country, and acquiring a knowledge of the habits and customs of the people. Returning then to the United States, Mr. Dodge again became a resident of Hillsboro County. Securing a situation with H. H. Bragg, a manufacturer of fancy boxes, he worked as an employee for three years, learning the details of the business, showing such ability that he was then promoted to the office of superintendent of the factory. This responsible position he held through the various changes in the proprietorship for a period of twenty-four years. The last firm was

Conant Brothers & Bragg Company, who closed the factory in 1894.

The first of Mr. Dodge's three marriages was contracted with Miss Henrietta Bragg, daughter of H. H. Bragg, late of Boston, Mass. She lived but a few years after their union. On the second occasion he married Miss Nellie S., daughter of the late George Fitch, of Concord, N.H. She died April 15, 1882, leaving one daughter, Beatrice. On December 21, 1883, Mr. Dodge contracted his third marriage with Miss Lizzie E., daughter of Charles Spalding, of Milford. Mr. Dodge is active in Masonic circles, being a member of Benevolent Lodge of Milford; and of King Solomon's Chapter, R. A. M. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dodge are held in high regard throughout the village of Milford, their attractive home being a centre of social activity.

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J. APPLETON SKINNER, an esteemed resident and a prosperous agriculturist of Amherst, is the owner of a well-stocked farm. He was born October 17, 1830, in Reading, Middlesex County, Mass., son of Joshua F. Skinner. The Skinner family is of English origin. Its members were strong adherents of Cromwell during his protectorate. It was first represented in New England by three brothers who emigrated to this country. Two of them severally settled in New York and Vermont. The other, from whom J. Appleton Skinner is descended, located in Woburn, Mass. Joseph Skinner, the paternal great-grandfather of J. Appleton, and a lifelong resident of the Bay State, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. His son, Captain Samuel Skinner, the next in line of descent, was an officer in the War of 1812, commanding a company of Massachusetts militia from Lynnfield, Mass., and being on duty at a fort in Salem, Mass.

Joshua F. Skinner, born in 1806 in Lynnfield, Mass., was engaged in shoemaking in Reading for a time. From Reading, in 1840, he came with his family to Amherst, and was here engaged at his trade, and to some extent

in farming, until his demise in 1883. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary J. Peabody, was born in Mont Vernon, N.H. Of their children, besides J. Appleton, there is living Julia A., the wife of John A. Boynton, of Nashua, N.H. The father in his younger days was identified with the Democratic party. Afterward he espoused the cause of the Free Soilers, and from the formation of the Republican party he was one of its firmest supporters.

J. Appleton Skinner was a sturdy lad of ten years when he came with his parents from Reading, Mass., to Amherst. Having completed his schooling in this town, he began to earn his living at the age of fifteen years. He worked first in a cotton-mill of Milford, this county, and subsequently was similarly employed in Ware and Palmer, Mass. He then turned his attention to shoemaking, continuing at that trade in Massachusetts in different towns for several years. Returning to Amherst in 1854, he resumed his trade for a time, and then became an employee in a whip factory. On August 15, 1862, cheerfully responding to his country's call, he enlisted in Company H, Tenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and subsequently served with it, first in the Ninth and later in the Eighteenth Army Corps. With his brave comrades he fought in many of the more important battles of the war, including the engagements at Fredericksburg, Suffolk, Drury's Bluff, Hill's Point, Cold Harbor, Walthall, Petersburg, Swift's Creek, Fort Harrison, the second battle of Fair Oaks, and Kingsland; and he was one of the first to enter Richmond after its evacuation by General Lee. For two years of his term Mr. Skinner was a member of the brigade band. On June 21, 1865, he was mustered out of service, subsequently receiving his honorable discharge at Concord, N.H.

After his return to civil life he was for a time employed at a stove foundry in Amherst. Afterward he secured a situation with the Francestown Soapstone Company, then located in Milford. The company subsequently built a large establishment at Nashua, N.H., of which Mr. Skinner was superintendent for

ten years. Resigning this position in 1876, he again returned to Amherst, where he has since been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. He has a farm of one hundred or more acres. In addition to general farming, he is somewhat interested in raising small fruit, and makes a specialty of dairying, shipping his milk to Manchester, N.H. In politics he is a stanch Republican. While in Nashua he was a member of the City Council for two years, and was also identified with the Board of Trade of that city. Mr. Skinner is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Odd Fellows order, and the Knights of Pythias, all of Nashua. He is prominent in Grand Army circles, belonging to the C. H. Phelps Post, No. 43, G. A. R., of Amherst, and having served as Quartermaster of the New Hampshire State department.

On October 8, 1850, Mr. Skinner married Miss Caroline S. Winn, who was born in Wilton, N.H. She is a daughter of Silas and Doreas (Woods) Winn, natives respectively of Woburn and Lexington, Mass. Mr. Skinner had two children—Carrie F. and Willie C., who died successively in 1854 and 1864.

**H**ON. JAMES BURNAP was a prominent business man of Marlow, and ably served the public in the capacities of State Senator and member of the Executive Council. Born September 6, 1816, in Nelson, N.H., he was a son of Pious U. and Sally (Whitney) Burnap. The paternal grandfather, John Burnap, was a prosperous farmer of Nelson in the early days of that town. By his wife, Mary Hayward Burnap, he became the father of five children; namely, John, Eli, Pious U., Molly, and Amos.

Pious U. Burnap, born in Nelson, February 5, 1775, was engaged in farming and manufacturing from early manhood until his death, which occurred August 11, 1827. He was one of the leading residents in his day. His wife, Sally, who was born June 26, 1778, became the mother of twelve children, born as follows: John, April 4, 1803; Upton, June

20, 1804; Josiah, August 26, 1805; Eli, February 15, 1807; Polly, September 20, 1808; Nancy, May 13, 1810; Mary, June 26, 1812; Lura, April 3, 1814; James, the subject of this sketch; George, July 15, 1818; and Laura and Loren, twins, October 13, 1819. The mother died February 26, 1846.

James Burnap attended school in Nelson, and learned the tanner's trade with his uncle, Asa Spaulding. He worked for a time in Reading and Danvers, Mass., and was also employed as a journeyman in Charlestown, N.H. On December 21, 1837, he settled in Marlow, where, in company with his brother Josiah, he was engaged in the tanning business until the firm dissolved in 1856. Subsequently, after carrying on business alone for three years, Mr. Burnap admitted to partnership J. M. Howard, with whom he was associated for a few years. Then, purchasing his partner's interest, he conducted business alone until his retirement, which took place in May, 1891. His tannery supplied the principal industry in Marlow, affording employment to a large force of men, and was the means of building up and maintaining the prosperity of the village. He was president of the Guaranty Savings Bank, and a director of the Citizens' National Bank of Keene, and the owner of several farms. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen for a time, a Representative to the legislature in 1861 and 1862, a State Senator in 1876 and 1877, and a member of the Governor's Council in 1879 and 1880. He also served in other important town offices, and acted as a Justice of the Peace. He was connected with the Masonic fraternity, and for two years was Master of the local grange of the Patrons of Husbandry. As an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church he contributed generously toward its support, and was a trustee for over thirty years.

Mr. Burnap wedded Mary A. Gilman, who was born October 24, 1819, daughter of Emerson and Delia (Way) Gilman, of Lowell, Mass. The only child of the union is Sarah Abbie, born in Marlow, September 22, 1847. Mrs. Burnap died September 1, 1890. After surviving his wife more than four years, Mr. Burnap died October 28, 1894.



JAMES BURNAP.



Miss Sarah Abbie Burnap was educated in the public schools of Marlow and at the New Hampshire Conference Seminary, Tilton. She resided with her parents as long as they lived. Since the death of her father much of the care of his large estate has devolved upon her, and she has displayed business ability of a high order. She is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has been officially connected with the grange.

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**F**RANKLIN FIELD, a retired farmer of Peterboro and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, May 1, 1819, son of William and Mary (McAllister) Field. The grandfather, John Field, who was born in Braintree, Mass., April 10, 1752, moved with his family to Peterboro in 1786. He followed his calling of tanner in this town during the rest of his active period, and died January 8, 1826. He married Ruth Thayer, and had a family of eight children, none of whom are living. His wife lived to the advanced age of ninety-four years. Both were Presbyterians in religious belief.

William Field, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Braintree, November 18, 1781. He accompanied his parents to Peterboro; and when a young man he engaged in farming, and followed it industriously thereafter as long as his strength permitted. When he died at the age of eighty years, he left a good estate. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. His wife, Mary, who was a native of Peterboro, became by him the mother of fifteen children. Of these five are living; namely, Catherine, Franklin, Ruth, Albert, and Lois. Catherine is the widow of Horace Iluse, late of Missouri, and has eight children — Horace, Catherine, Mary, Josephine, Ella, Richard, Kirk, and Fremont. Albert has been twice married. By his first union contracted with Mehitable Perkins, there is one daughter, Lizzie. The maiden name of his second wife was Augusta Russell. Lois is the widow of George Pierce. Mrs. William Field died at the age of sixty-seven years.

Franklin Field was educated in Peterboro. After leaving school he began to serve an apprenticeship at the machinist's trade, which, after following it as a journeyman in Nashua, N.H., Lowell, Mass., and other places for some years, he finally abandoned. In 1849 he purchased a farm in Peterboro, and tilled the soil successfully as a general farmer for considerably more than forty years. In 1896 he retired from active labor, and is now occupying a comfortable home in the village. Politically, he is a Republican. He has served as Road Surveyor for a number of terms, was a Selectman three years, and he represented this town in the legislature in 1875 and 1876.

On January 19, 1847, Mr. Field was joined in marriage with Luvia Miner, daughter of William Miner, of Lyman, N.H. To Mr. and Mrs. Field have been born six children, of whom William F., Martin E., Forest G., and Walter are living. William married Augusta Russell, of Lyndeboro, N.H., and has one son, Arthur R.; Martin married Jennie E. Hadley, of Peterboro; Forest married Clara Morse, of Marlboro, Mass.; and Walter E. married Genevieve Little, of Peterboro. Mr. Field is a Past Master of Peterboro Grange. For several years he has acted as a Deacon of the Unitarian church. Mrs. Field is a member of the same church.

**M**ILAN A. DICKINSON, general manager of the West Swanzey woollen manufactory, was born in that part of the town of Winchester called Ashuelot, November 2, 1871, son of Ansel and Mary Theresa (Felch) Dickinson. His father was the founder of the large business interests carried on in Swanzey and Winchester by the firm of Ansel Dickinson & Sons, and an extended account of his career may be found elsewhere in this volume.

Milan A. Dickinson was graduated from the Winchester High School in 1889; and immediately afterward he joined his brothers, La Fell and John H. Dickinson, in looking after the large business enterprises left by their father, who died July 31 of that year. The

elder Dickinson was a heavy stockholder in the West Swanzey Woollen Manufacturing Company, which made a specialty of producing flannel shirtings of a superior quality; and his successors, the firm of Ansel Dickinson & Sons, having purchased the entire plant, the subject of this sketch assumed the management of the enterprise in 1892. The mills furnish employment to about seventy-five hands when running, and, when they closed on account of the recent business depression, were manufacturing flannels and cheviots. Mr. Dickinson has given much time and attention to the mechanical as well as the business part of the enterprise; and, as he has a natural taste for mechanics, he is himself able to take apart and readjust the intricate machinery used in the establishment. The property includes, besides the two brick buildings, four and three stories high respectively, the box factory of C. S. Russell, a shop used by Snow & Russell, and the Whitcomb Mill. With the return of business prosperity the woollen-mills will resume operations, and the present manager is looking forward to busy times in the near future. Politically, Mr. Dickinson is a Gold Democrat. He has resided in West Swanzey since taking charge of the woollen-mills, is actively interested in the industrial development and general prosperity of the town, and, although a young man, has already acquired much influence in town affairs.

On December 16, 1896, Mr. Dickinson was united in marriage with Miss Josie E. Taylor, daughter of Charles W. Taylor, of this town.

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**J**AMES SHELDON, one of Wilton's representative farmers, was born upon the farm where he now resides, July 12, 1825, son of Samuel and Betsey (Simonds) Sheldon. His great-grandfather, Samuel Sheldon (first), who is thought to have been a native of Reading, Mass., moved his family from that town to Wilton in 1770, and was among the first settlers here. Samuel was identified with the early development of agriculture in Wilton, and took a prominent part in church affairs. The maiden name of his wife was Sarah Wellman; and he had a family

of eight children, of whom Samuel (second), was the second child. He died December 24, 1832, aged ninety-two. His wife's death occurred January 7, 1826, when she was eighty years old.

Samuel Sheldon (second), James Sheldon's grandfather, was born in Reading in 1767. He was reared to farm life in Wilton, and followed agriculture during his active years. He was a Democrat in politics and a Unitarian in his religious belief. He married Phoebe Keyes, who bore him twelve children. Of these the survivors are: Abiel W. Sheldon, born in April, 1817; and Lucy, who was born August 5, 1806. Lucy is now the widow of Joseph Barrett Howard, and has four children—Carrie, Lucy, Ada, and Maria. Samuel Sheldon (second) died May 21, 1847, and his wife on November 21, 1821, aged fifty years. Samuel Sheldon (third), James Sheldon's father, was born at the old homestead in Wilton, March 16, 1794. In early life he worked at the mason's trade during the summer season, and followed shoemaking in the winter. In 1830 he purchased the farm which is now owned by his son, and the rest of his active period was spent in tilling the soil. By industry and thrift he acquired considerable property. He attended the Unitarian church. In politics he was a Democrat, and he served as a member of the Board of Selectmen in 1846 and 1847. He died April 20, 1873, aged seventy-nine years. His wife, Betsey, who was a daughter of Eliphalet Simonds, of Milford, N.H., had four children, two of whom are living. These are: Betsey Ann, the widow of Sumner Hazelton; and James, the subject of this sketch. The mother died July 6, 1856.

James Sheldon acquired his education in Wilton. Since leaving school he has been engaged in general farming. He succeeded to the possession of the home farm. The estate, which contains three hundred acres, is kept in a high state of fertility. Politically, he acts with the Democratic party. While serving as a member of the Board of Selectmen in 1888 and 1889, he officiated as its chairman. On December 22, 1847, he was joined in marriage with Nancy Morse, daugh-

ter of Hazen Morse, of Chester, N.H. Mrs. Sheldon is the mother of three children, namely: John A., born December 11, 1848; Samuel J., born October 16, 1850; and Hattie F. John A. married Alice Gray, of Wilton, and has four children—Grace A., William A., Fanny B., and Charles E. Samuel J. married Clara Curtis, who is now deceased. Hattie F. is the wife of Henry E. Payson, of Pembroke, N.H., and has one daughter, Clara B.

Mr. Sheldon is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry, and in 1888 and 1889 was Master of Adrance Grange, No. 20. In 1892 he was Master of Hillsboro County, Pomona Grange, No. 1. He is regarded as one of the most able farmers in Wilton, and is highly esteemed as a citizen. Both he and Mrs. Sheldon attend the Unitarian church.

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**M**ARK MERRITT HADLEY, a prominent resident of Hillsboro, was born in Deering, N.H., November 14, 1839, son of Enoch and Mary Ann (Buzzel Bailey) Hadley. His great-grandfather, Captain George Hadley, who served as an officer in the Revolutionary War, afterward settled in South Weare, N.H., where he resided for the rest of his life. Captain Hadley was a prosperous farmer, and he figured prominently in military affairs. Enoch Hadley (first), the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, a native of South Weare, followed agriculture in that town for some years. He subsequently moved to a farm in Deering, where he continued to till the soil for the rest of his active period, spending his last days upon his farm. He married Abigail George, and reared a family of five children, of whom Enoch (second) was the only son.

Enoch Hadley (second), Mark M. Hadley's father, was born in Deering. The greater part of his life was devoted to general farming in his native town. He was quite prominent in public affairs, serving as a Selectman for a number of terms. In his later years he was a Republican in politics, and he worshipped at the Free Will Baptist church. His last days

were passed in West Andover, N.H., and he lived to be about seventy years old. He married for his first wife Mrs. Mary Ann Bailey Buzzel, who died at the age of thirty-three years. She left two children—Mark M. and Captain Elbridge D. Hadley. The latter was in the Civil War, and was wounded by a bullet, which has not been extracted. He married Mary Borne, and resides in Des Moines, Ia. Enoch's second marriage was made with Mary Ann Gove, of Deering, of whose four children by him Enoch C. is living. She resides in West Andover.

Mark Merritt Hadley acquired his education in the common schools and at a private academy. After finishing his studies he bought a farm in Deering, which he cultivated for three years. Then he was engaged in a general merchandise business at Hillsboro Bridge as a member of the firm of Newman & Hadley. Withdrawing from this firm three years later, he purchased a store at East Washington, where he conducted a mercantile business for six years, serving as Postmaster for a part of the time. In Hillsboro, at the end of that period, he bought a farm, which he carried on for twelve years. While so doing he also taught school every winter. In 1886 he purchased the Hillsboro *Messenger* and job printing establishment at Hillsboro Bridge, and conducted both until September, 1896, when he sold out to parties from Boston, Mass. Politically, he acts with the Republican party. He has been Town Treasurer and Tax Collector, and was a member of the School Board for several years.

On March 3, 1862, Mr. Hadley was joined in marriage with Abbie J. Carr, daughter of Robert Carr, of Hillsboro. Mrs. Hadley is the mother of three children—Alma C., Clifton H., and Harrison C. The last two are twins. Alma C. is the widow of Bela A. Wellman, late of Allegheny City, Pa., and has one daughter, Mabel A. Clifton H. married Grace A. Winn, of Somerville, Mass., and has one daughter, Barbara. Harrison C. married Ella Robbins, of Hillsboro. Mr. Hadley was made a Mason in 1863, and is now a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 38, of which he acted as Master for two years. He

was Master of Valley Grange for six years, and the secretary four years. For a number of years he acted as drum-major for the Hillsboro Mechanics' Band. He also served for several years as Associate Justice of the Police Court of Hillsboro. Both he and Mrs. Hadley attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

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**D**ANIEL T. BUTTRICK, who is identified with the mercantile interests of Hillsboro County as a lumber dealer, having his residence in the town of Milford, was born November 15, 1831, in Londonderry, Rockingham County, son of Nathan Buttrick. Nathan Buttrick, born in Pelham, N.H., was there brought up a farmer, which calling he followed throughout the rest of his life. From Pelham he removed to Londonderry, going thence to Derry, and eventually to Brookline. In Brookline he spent his declining years, and died at the age of eighty-three. His first wife, Catherine Witherspoon Buttrick, the mother of Daniel T., was born in Vermont. She died while the family were living in Nashua, N.H., leaving one other child, who is Barnett C. Buttrick, of Nashua. The father subsequently married Mrs. Willoughby, of Brookline, N.H.

Daniel T. Buttrick obtained his early education in the district schools of Londonderry. His schooling was continued for four years in Derry, to which place the family removed when he was twelve years old. He afterward remained with his parents until he attained his majority. Then, lured by the flattering prospects of making a speedy fortune in the gold fields of the Far West, he went to San Francisco by the Isthmus, starting from New York City, and accomplishing the journey in thirty days. He stayed there less than two years, being a part of the time employed in gold mining and the remainder in carpentering. Returning then to the old Granite State by the Nicaragua route, which took him through Central America, he settled in Amherst. Here in 1854 he established himself in the lumber business, which he carried

on in that vicinity for five years. In 1859 Mr. Buttrick transferred his business interests to Milford, and since that time has been extensively engaged in lumbering in this and adjacent towns. In addition, he has carried on general farming to a limited extent, meeting with signal success in this as in the other undertaking.

Mr. Buttrick was united in marriage, January 26, 1859, with Miss Sarah J., daughter of Elbridge and Sarah (Bonney) Hall, of Nashua. Of the four children born to them a son died in infancy, and a daughter, Helen L., passed away March 13, 1889, at the age of twenty-nine years. The others are: Mabel A., who is the wife of Frank H. Stanyan, of West Medford, Mass.; and Kate T., the wife of Herbert F. Keeler, of Milford, N.H. Politically, Mr. Buttrick is a sound Republican. He is a member of Granite Grange, No. 7, of Milford.

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**C**HARLES L. BEMIS, Postmaster of Marlboro, Cheshire County, was born in this town, June 6, 1854, son of Luther G. and Abbie H. (Cutter) Bemis. His paternal great-grandfather was Jonathan Bemis; and his paternal grandfather, whose Christian name was Luther, married Sally Farrar. Luther G. Bemis, father of Charles L., was born in Troy, N.H. At an early age he began the manufacture of woodenware, and he continued in that business in Marlboro for many years. He married Abbie H. Cutter, a native of Jaffrey, N.H., and she is the mother of three children, namely: Charles L., the subject of this sketch; Frederick C.; and Louisa A. Frederick C. married Minnie G. Harvey, and resides in Keene. Louisa A., who became the wife of J. L. Hardy, died leaving one daughter—Bessie B. Mr. and Mrs. Luther G. Bemis are living in Marlboro.

Charles L. Bemis acquired his education in the schools of this town. After finishing his studies he worked in a woodenware factory for some time. At the age of twenty-four he entered the store of Clinton Collins, where he was employed for the succeeding five years; and

he afterward worked for George G. Davis until January 1, 1890, when he was appointed Postmaster of Marlboro, the duties of which position he has capably performed up to the present time. Mr. Bemis cast his first Presidential vote for Rutherford B. Hayes, in 1876, and he has since supported the Republican party. He has been Supervisor of the Check List fourteen years. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the local grange, No. 118, Patrons of Husbandry. On March 13, 1877, he was joined in marriage with Sarah Amelia Gould, a daughter of Henry Gould.

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**L**UTHER M. BURNS, residing on Union Street, in the town of Milford, N.H., was born here, January 28, 1827, son of Captain Peter and Sallie J. (Duncklee) Burns. He is a descendant of the family from which the world-famed poet, Robert Burns, sprung. The first of his ancestors to locate in America was one John Burns, who came to Milford directly from Scotland, bringing with him his family. His son, John, who was the next in line of descent, had a son, John, who was a life-long resident of Milford and the grandfather of Luther M.

Captain Peter Burns, the father of Luther M., was born, lived, and died in Milford. In the War of 1812 he commanded a company of light artillery. He was an industrious, hard-working man, acquiring a goodly amount of this world's goods, having been engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years, and also during the later years of his life was employed in granite quarrying. He lived to the ripe old age of seventy-seven years, passing away at the old homestead, October 18, 1865. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Sallie J. Duncklee, several children were born, the following of whom survive their parents: Mary A., the wife of James Burns, of Milford; Alvira, the wife of John Towne, of Milford; Luther M., the subject of this sketch; and John M., of whom an account will be found elsewhere in this work.

Luther M. Burns inherited from his ancestors the habits of thrift and industry charac-

teristic of the Scotch race. After leaving the district schools of his native town, he began in earnest the battle of life. He labored with persistent energy on the homestead farm, and, as he accumulated money, invested it in land, being now the owner of three hundred acres, lying mostly in Milford. Until 1874 Mr. Burns was actively engaged in general farming. At that time he removed to his present home in the village, and has since dealt in real estate to some extent. As a man and a citizen he is held in high regard by his fellow-townsmen, whom he served five years as Selectman, having been chairman of the Board for one year. In politics he is an unswerving Republican, sustaining the principles of that party by voice and vote.

Mr. Burns was united in marriage, April 15, 1852, with Miss Sarah J. Wyatt, who was born in Amherst, N.H. Her parents, Foster and Mary (Gregg) Wyatt, were natives, respectively, of Amherst and New Boston, N.H. Mr. Wyatt was a prominent resident of his native town, which he served for a number of years in the capacity of Selectman. Both he and his wife are now deceased. They had several children, of whom four are living, namely: Harriet, of Milford; Mary A., the widow of the late Ephraim Jones, of Amherst; Adaline, the wife of John M. Burns, of Milford; and Sarah J., now Mrs. Luther M. Burns. Mr. and Mrs. Burns have one child, Fred L., a civil engineer, who is at present in New York City.

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**E**WARD ADAM COBURN, who conducts a flourishing blacksmith and wheelwright business in East Jaffrey, Cheshire County, was born in Lowell, Mass., April 8, 1857, son of David and Emeline (Abbott) Coburn. His father was born in Dracut, Mass., April 28, 1814; and his paternal grandfather followed the shoemaker's trade in connection with farming in that town. The latter married Lydia Fox, and their children were: Herbert, Maria, Phineas, David, Clarissa, and Mercy.

David Coburn, father of Edward A., completed his studies at Phillips Academy, An-

dover, Mass. He learned the blacksmith's trade in Pelham, N.H.; and, after following it subsequently in Lowell until 1858, he then moved to Sharon, N.H., where he remained about four years. In 1862 he settled in East Jaffrey, where he conducted business as a blacksmith for the rest of his life, which terminated in 1887. He was a Democrat in politics and a Universalist in his religious belief. He married Emeline Wells Abbott, a native of Maine, born September 16, 1822, and a daughter of John Abbott, of Sidney, that State. They had six children, namely: William; Frank H.; Charles; Emma; Edward A., the subject of this sketch; and Flora G. The mother died November 22, 1896.

Edward Adam Coburn, after beginning his education in the schools of Jaffrey, pursued more advanced studies at the academy in New Ipswich. Having learned the blacksmith's and wheelwright's trades, he succeeded to the business formerly carried on by his father, and is now profitably engaged therein. He is connected by membership with the Masonic fraternity, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and the Patrons of Husbandry.

Mr. Coburn married Eva Hanscomb, who was born in Kinsey, P.Q., November 25, 1855, daughter of Theodore Hanscomb, of Jaffrey. Mrs. Coburn is the mother of three children: Marion, born June 12, 1882; Guy, born March 19, 1887; and Bernice, born June 8, 1891.



**I**Saac J. Paige, a successful farmer and milk dealer of Goffstown, was born in this town on the old Paige farm, July 14, 1829, son of John G. and Nancy M. (Campbell) Paige. James Paige, the great-grandfather, one of the early settlers of Goffstown, lived here until his death. He came from England with two sons, who also settled in Goffstown. Benjamin Paige, a native of Goffstown, and the father of John G., followed farming throughout his active life. His wife, whose maiden name was Polly Goff, was a kinswoman of the Goffs from whom the place obtained its name. He lived to be over

seventy years old, and she was nearly the same age when she died.

The birth of John G. Paige occurred here, June 10, 1803. He was an energetic and respected farmer. His wife, Nancy, was born in Aeworth, Sullivan County, December 3, 1805. In politics he was a Republican. In religion both he and his wife were members of the Congregational church. They had eight children, six sons and two daughters. Of these three sons and one daughter have died, and three sons and one daughter are living. They were: Isaac J., the subject of this sketch; Francis N., born July 10, 1831, who died February 10, 1856; Frank J., born February 3, 1833, who served in the Northern army during the last year of the Civil War; Harland, born September 16, 1836, who served for three years in the war, and died January 3, 1866; Henry C., born January 7, 1839, who served throughout the war, and died April 16, 1866; David A., born March 30, 1842, who also served throughout the war; Martha J., born November 23, 1843, who died in September, 1889; and Sarah A., born July 29, 1846.

Isaac J. Paige received a district-school education. At the age of nineteen he went to Manchester, N.H., and there was watchman for the Stark Corporation for five years, and was employed in their cloth room for two years. Returning then to Goffstown, he bought land. After cultivating this purchase for two years, he sold it and purchased another place that he carried on for five years. At the end of that time he disposed of his second purchase, and bought the interest of the other heirs to the old Paige estate and resided on it for five years. Then he sold out to his brother, David A., who now occupies the place. From Goffstown he now removed to Aeworth, there purchased a farm and resided on it for five years. Returning to Goffstown after that, he entered Austin's sash and blind factory, in which he worked for three years. Subsequently he worked for Kendall, Hadley & Co., following the business about twenty years. In 1893 he again took up farming, and now he has a milk route in the village.

On June 17, 1851, Mr. Paige married Jane R. Curtis, who was born in Lyme, N.H., August 10, 1833, daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Kendrick) Curtis. Mr. Curtis was born in Granville, Vt., November 27, 1800, and Mrs. Curtis in Lyme, N.H., May 10, 1804. He died in Goffstown, September 7, 1864, and she at Rye Beach, June 16, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Paige have three sons and a daughter — George W., Frank E., Willey P., and Lottie E. — all of whom live in Goffstown. George W., born December 29, 1852, was married May 20, 1876, to Harriet Simons, and has two sons and a daughter — Natt I., Willie A., and Lena A. Frank E., born August 23, 1854, married on August 26, 1876, Miss Josie Perkins, and has a son and daughter — Guy F. and Laura J. Willey P., born May 27, 1856, married first on January 10, 1882, Miss Susie E. McLane, who died September 16, 1892. He made a second marriage June 27, 1894, with Miss Mary E. McLane, his first wife's sister. He has two children — Zetta McLane and Charles P. Lottie E. Paige, born January 24, 1862, was married October 3, 1888, to James E. Dow, and has two children — Elmer C. and Frank H.

In politics Mr. Paige is an independent. He is a member of Bible Lodge, F. & A. M.; and of Webster Lodge, I. O. O. F. Mrs. Paige and he belong to Uncanoonuck Grange, P. of H., the Rebecca Lodge, and the Eastern Star Lodge. Both are members of the Congregational church.

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**S**YLVESTER O. DAVENPORT, owner of one of the fine estates of Hinsdale, was born September 16, 1829, son of James and Jerusha (Stebbins) Davenport. His grandfather, Charles Davenport, who belonged to an old Kentucky family, came to Vermont, settling in Dummerston. He was a farmer. His children were: James, Charles, William, John, and Lydia, all born in Vermont. Charles remained in Vermont. William and John went to Arkansas. William had seven sons, all of whom fought on the Confederate side during the late war. John never mar-

ried. He was engaged in business on the Mississippi River, and met his death by an explosion on his steamboat. Lydia married Arad Fesenden, and resided in Guilford, Vt. Charles, the son of James, studied surgery with the late Dr. Boyden, of Hinsdale, and in a New York school, and practised in Mississippi. He was a surgeon in the Confederate army.

James Davenport, father of the subject of this sketch, removed to Hinsdale, N.H., and bought a farm here, which is now owned by Hoyt Day. In addition to his farming he kept high-blooded stock, and his entire life was devoted to business. Though interested to have the town grow and prosper, he steadily declined office, and when chosen Selectman refused to serve. He was a member of the Congregational church. He died September 16, 1852, his wife, a daughter of Elihu Stebbins, surviving him thirteen years. Six of their seven children have also departed this life, the record being as follows: James H. died at the age of twenty-four; Lockhart died at the age of sixty; Jerusha was but twenty-four at the time of her death; Charles was forty-two; William was but twenty-four; John married Lydia Doolittle, and died at the age of twenty-eight years.

Sylvester O., now the only survivor, was apprenticed to J. B. Merrill, the blacksmith, at the age of sixteen, and served at the forge four years. At the age of twenty he went to California, and worked at his trade in the mining districts. A short time later, taking passage for Australia, he was shipwrecked on the Pacific coast, near the Isthmus, and returned to Hinsdale, N.H. The next eight years of his life were spent in the employ of Mr. Merrill in manufacturing chisels and carpenter tools. He then bought the old homestead, and turned his attention to farming for five years, at the end of that time selling to Sereno Higgins, and buying his present estate on the river road, formerly known as the Smith place. It was not a large farm, but Mr. Davenport has added considerably to the acreage; and the residence and grounds are kept up with great taste and care. He makes a specialty of raising tobacco for the market,

and also sells large quantities of milk to the trade.

Mr. Davenport has been a Selectman for three terms; and in 1893 he represented his town in the legislature, and served on the Committee on Military Claims. He is a strong temperance man, and while in office worked incessantly for this noble cause. He is a member of the Congregational church; a member of the Grange Mantasquet, No. 133, and has been Master of the society for three years; has belonged to the Masonic order for the past forty years; is a member of the Hugh de Payens Commandery, K. T., at Keene, N.H. He has been twice married. His first wife was Ellen Haile, daughter of the late ex-Governor William Haile; and by her he has one child, Gertrude, who married Edmund P. Dole. His second wife, the present Mrs. Davenport, is Juliette, daughter of Nahum Nimbs, of Sullivan, N.H.

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**G**EORGE LANGDELL, an influential farmer of New Boston, was born in this town, January 8, 1842, son of Samuel and Caroline (Fisher) Langdell. Livermore Langdell, the father of Samuel, born in Beverly, Mass., came in 1771 to New Boston, and settled on a farm in the west part of the town. He had previously been the commander of a vessel. When the Baptist church was established here, he was elected one of its first Deacons. He died in 1826. The maiden name of his wife was Abigail Dodge.

Samuel Langdell, the youngest of the twelve children of Livermore and Abigail Langdell, was born in New Boston, July 14, 1804. He became the owner of the farm that his father settled, and, like him, was a man of integrity and much business capacity. In 1855-56 he was a member of the State legislature, and he served the town as Selectman and in other capacities. He was a Baptist in religion and a Democrat in politics. Caroline Fisher Langdell, his wife, who was born in Francesstown, N.H., April 5, 1806, died May 17, 1876, and he on January 23, 1890. They had nine children, of whom five reached maturity. These were: Asenath, now deceased;

Elzaphan, residing in Milford; Jacob, in New Boston; George, the subject of this sketch; and Adoniram J., a resident of Muddy, Ia.

George Langdell received his education in the town schools and at Mont Vernon Academy. He has carried on general farming, making a specialty of dairying. His farm includes the land first purchased by him in 1868, containing one hundred acres. He has erected on it a new house and out-buildings. In politics Mr. Langdell favors Prohibition principles. He was Selectman in 1873, 1874, and 1875; and he was Tax Collector for two years.

Mr. Langdell was married June 6, 1868, to Miss Lydia S. McNeil. She was born in New Boston, January 29, 1840, daughter of Deacon Peter and Mary S. (Stiles) McNeil. Her grandfather, Deacon William McNeil, was one of the first settlers of New Boston. Both he and his son, Peter, were sturdy farmers. Peter, born December 5, 1787, who died in 1849, aged sixty-two years, married on September 23, 1818, Mary S. Stiles. She was born in Amherst, N.H., in 1798, and died in 1882. They had eleven children, of whom there are living: Mary J., Hannah E., William, Cyrus G., John, James, Rachel P., Peter P., and Lydia S. Two daughters have died — Abbie S. and Harriet N. Mrs. Langdell taught school for fourteen years in New Hampshire, Missouri, and Indiana. She has two sons — Harry W. and Samuel F. Harry, born May 4, 1871, who is a machinist in Malden, Mass., married Mary Patch, and has two sons — George W. and Frank H.; and Samuel, born January 8, 1876, is engaged in farming in New Boston. Both Mr. and Mrs. Langdell are members of the Baptist church.

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**F**RANK BLAISDELL, M.D., a highly successful physician and surgeon, who for a score of years or more has been in continuous practice in Goffstown, was born here, May 28, 1852, son of Stephen and Amanda (Marshall) Blaisdell. Dr. Blaisdell represents the eighth generation descended from Ralph Blaisdell, who, born in England, settled in Salisbury, Mass., about the year 1640. Beginning with Ralph, the other

lineal representatives were: Henry (first), John, Henry (second), Henry (third), Henry (fourth), Stephen, and Frank.

Henry Blaisdell (third), who was born in Amesbury, Mass., was a pioneer settler of the eastern part of Goffstown. Henry Blaisdell (fourth), born here April 5, 1769, who was a farmer by occupation, married Jane Taggart, a native of Hookset, N.H., born May 8, 1777. His twelve children are deceased. He died November 2, 1838, and his wife, January 4, 1858. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a Congregationalist. Stephen Blaisdell, who was born in Goffstown, learned the harness-maker's trade, and thereafter followed it throughout the remainder of his life. He was a great lover of music, and for years was the leader of the Congregational church choir. His wife, Amanda, was a native of East Weare, N.H. Both are now deceased. Their children, three sons and a daughter, are all living, namely: George C., a physician and surgeon at Contoocook, N.H.; Edwin A., who has a general store at Goffstown; Frank, the subject of this sketch; and Louisa A., the wife of John L. Whipple, of this place.

On completing the course of the public schools, Frank Blaisdell entered the Swedenborgian Academy, Contoocook, and was there fitted for college under Professor Thomas B. Richardson. In 1872, having decided upon a professional career, he began the study of medicine at Manchester, N.H., under Dr. George E. Hersey and Professor Lyman B. How, of that city, and subsequently pursued it under the tutorship of Professor Carlton P. Frost, of Hanover, N.H. He next attended two courses of lectures at Dartmouth Medical College; and he graduated from that institution in November, 1876, after four years of medical study. He chose his native town as his field of practice, and his success here has proved the wisdom of his choice. He is particularly interested in surgery and operative obstetrics, and in 1879 he introduced the use of wood pulp for splints. He has also entered the field of medical literature, and among his published writings is a paper on "Obstetrics"; the Report of the State Board of Health of New Hampshire, 1884; Transac-

tions of the New Hampshire Medical Society, 1886; and a paper on "Effect of Ensilage upon Milk."

On August 29, 1877, Dr. Blaisdell was united in marriage with Miss Anna I. White, of Goffstown. They have three sons—Arthur George, Percy Newton, and Willie Edwin Blaisdell. The Doctor is a Republican in politics. Since 1890 he has been a member of the Board of Education, and since 1892 he has been president of the town Board of Health. In 1895 he was appointed physician and surgeon in charge of the New Hillsboro County Almshouse and Hospital, and he is associate physician and surgeon to Elliott Hospital, Manchester, N.H. He is also medical examiner for a number of life insurance companies. Fraternally, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He has also membership in the Centre District Society, the New Hampshire Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the Manchester Medical Association, and Manchester Medical Club. Dr. Blaisdell is a member of the Congregational church.

**H**ARRY R. CHASE, a progressive farmer of Lyndeboro and a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, was born in Worcester, Mass., November 3, 1865, son of Rufus P. and Mary A. (Blanchard) Chase. He is a descendant of Aquilla Chase. His grandfather, Jacob K. Chase, was a native of Massachusetts; and he resided in Newburyport, of that State. Jacob married Elsie Hodges, of whom three children were born; namely, Rufus P., Jacob D., and Caroline W. Chase.

Rufus P. Chase was born in Newburyport, April 1, 1804. He learned the trade of a shoemaker, and afterward followed that calling in Worcester for several years. Subsequently he removed to a farm in Lyndeboro, where he passed his last days, and died December 7, 1876, aged seventy-two years. He first married Emily Peck, of whose four children by him Walter P. and Fred M. are liv-

ing. He contracted a second marriage with Mary A. Blanchard, a daughter of Asa Blanchard, of Lyndeboro. She also bore him four children, of whom two survive. These are: Harry R., the subject of this sketch; and Homer F., who married Ada E. Cross, of Methuen, Mass., and has one child, Gladys Parker Chase, born April 28, 1897. Mrs. Rufus P. Chase, now sixty-one years old, is residing with her son at the homestead. She attends the Congregational church.

Harry R. Chase attended the public schools of Worcester until he was ten years old, at which time his parents moved to Lyndeboro. The death of his father forced him to begin work at an early age, and his youth was spent in assisting upon the farm. When old enough he took charge of the homestead, and has since managed the property with energy and good judgment. He has seventy acres of fertile land, which he devotes to general farming, making a specialty of fruit culture and poultry, and dealing in milk.

Mr. Chase actively supports the Republican party. For four years he served as a member of the Board of Selectmen, and he was elected a Representative to the legislature in 1896. He has occupied the principal chairs of Laurel Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Wilton, and was formerly District Deputy. His industry and progressive tendencies are heartily commended by his neighbors, and his fellow-townersmen place the fullest confidence in him as their Representative at Concord. Mr. Chase is unmarried. He attends the Congregational church.

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**J**AMES D. CUTTER, a prominent resident of Stoddard, was born in this town, October 11, 1844, son of Xenophon and Naney H. (Alds) Cutter. He is of Scotch ancestry. His grandfather, Moody Cutter, familiarly known by his fellow-townersmen as Judge Cutter, was a lawyer, and resided upon a farm in Stoddard for the greater part of his life. Moody reared six children; namely, Henrietta, Emily, Marietta, Frederick, Ferdinand, and Xenophon.

Xenophon Cutter, a native of New Ipswich,

N.H., born in 1808, in his young manhood worked upon the Lowell Railroad, and later carried on a farm in Windsor, N.H. Afterward he returned to Stoddard, was engaged in butchering for some time, then entered the glass business, and died in 1850. His wife, Nancy, who was born in 1811, daughter of Isaac Alds, of Antrim, N.H., became the mother of six children—John M., Emily A., Sarah Jane, Albert O., James D., and Charles X. John M., who followed the trade of a glass-blower, married Mary A. Mullen, of Ellenville, N.Y., had one son, Horatio S., and was drowned in Philadelphia in 1857. Emily A. married Horatio R. Smith, of Keene, N.H., who was also a glass-blower. Her only daughter died in infancy. Sarah Jane married William Gibney, a native of New York City, and a glass-blower, and has three children—Charles, William, and Nettie. Albert O., who is a prosperous farmer of Antrim, married Ruby Wyman, and has three children—Alberto, Clara, and Charles. Charles X., who resides upon a farm in Stoddard, married Frankie Glover, who died April 16, 1890, leaving four children—Mary J., Morris J., Frederick C., and Orlow A. Mrs. Xenophon Cutter died October 27, 1884.

James D. Cutter was educated in the common schools of Stoddard and at the Marlow Academy. Afterward he learned the glass-blower's trade, and followed it in Connecticut and in Boston. Later he resided in Lyndeboro and Antrim, N.H., and since 1875 he has been engaged in farming and butchering in Stoddard. In polities he is a Democrat. For a number of years he has been a leading spirit in public affairs, serving with ability as Selectman, Supervisor, Tax Collector, and Road Agent. He is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry, and attends the Congregational church.

Mr. Cutter married Laurette L. Herrick, who was born in Windsor, N.H., December 22, 1850, daughter of Nathaniel B. and Elvira Herrick, of Antrim. Mrs. Cutter died December 28, 1889, leaving the following children: Arthur E., born in Stoddard, August 10, 1870; Emma E., born in Antrim, June 23, 1873; John Walter, born September

16, 1875; Alice, born March 13, 1878; Bertha, born September 30, 1883; and Leon J., born April 2, 1887. The last four are natives of Stoddard. Arthur E. Cutter married Helen A. Robb, of Stoddard, is engaged in teaming in Stoddard, and is the present Road Agent. Emma E. is the wife of Fred Shoults, who is in the cutlery business in Antrim. John Walter is collector for an ice company in New York City. Alice, Bertha, and Leon J. are residing at home.

**H**ARRISON E. HERRICK, a well-known farmer and prominent citizen of Merrimac, was born on the estate where he now resides, September 30, 1849, son of Isaiah and Sarah Ann Putnam (Gage) Herrick. The paternal grandfather, Daniel L. Herrick, who was a native of Massachusetts, came to New Hampshire, and settled in Merrimac about the year 1802. A cooper by trade, he was engaged in that business here, and did some general farming. Esteemed for his excellent judgment and fine character, he was Selectman for a number of terms, besides serving in various minor public offices as well. At the same time he transacted considerable probate business, including the settlement of estates. In politics he belonged to the old-time Whig party, and he was a member of the Congregational church. He died at the age of eighty-seven years. His wife, Hannah Weston Herrick, who came from Amherst, died at the age of eighty-nine. Their children — Thirza, Franklin, Isaiah, and Anstress — who attained maturity, are now deceased.

Isaiah Herrick was born and spent his life on the farm. In his early days he worked at the wheelwright's trade. Afterward he was engaged in general farming. He was interested in politics as a Republican. While a man of excellent character, and believing in the beneficent effects of a broad and charitable Christianity, he was not connected by membership with any church. In 1840 he built the house now standing upon the estate. His wife, who survives him, has won a host of friends by her unfailing good nature and kind-

liness. She lives with her son on the old home to which she came when she was first married. Besides Harrison E., she has a daughter, Miss Elizabeth Gage Herrick, who resides with her.

After leaving the common schools of his native town, Harrison E. Herrick went to work on his father's farm, which to-day he owns and occupies. Always alive to questions touching the general welfare, and fully recognizing his duties as a citizen, he has taken an active part in public affairs. He has served on the Board of Selectmen and in other offices. In the Board of Selectmen he discharged the duties of chairman to the satisfaction of the entire community. At the late election he was chosen Representative to the legislature on the Republican ticket for the session of 1897-98. He is a member of the P. of H., Thornton Grange, No. 31, of Merrimac. An earnest Christian he is a religious man and a member of the Congregational church.

 LIVER CARTER, one of the oldest residents of Amherst, was born in Wilmington, Mass., June 5, 1810, son of Oliver and Betsy (Gardner) Carter. According to family tradition he is a descendant of one of three brothers named Carter who settled in Wilmington. His father was a son of Nathan Carter.

Young Carter was educated in the common schools of Wilmington, which he attended mainly in the winter. He ceased to attend school at the age of sixteen years. When about twenty years old he went to Andover, Mass., where he worked as a farm hand about two years and a half, and then returned to Wilmington. He subsequently became an employee in the construction department of the Boston & Lowell Railroad as a stone mason. Some time after he held a similar position with the Boston & Maine Railroad, working on the line between Malden and New Market. He afterward followed his trade in Concord and later in Nashua. From Nashua he came to Amherst in 1849, and bought the farm on which he now lives. He

has about three hundred acres of land, and carries on mixed farming.

Mr. Carter's first marriage was contracted November 10, 1836, with Miss Sarah Goodhue. She bore him four children, of whom two are living—Elizabeth and James O., both residents of Northwood Narrows, N.H. Elizabeth is now the widow of Henry S. Emerson. The mother died August 5, 1875. On February 21, 1883, the father was married to his present wife, Ida Jennison Carter, who was born in Wendell, Mass. Mr. Carter is a Republican in polities. He has never served in office, though often solicited to do so. While not caring for positions of public trust, he takes much interest in whatever will elevate or improve the condition of the community. Mrs. Carter is a member of the Baptist church.

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**A**DDISON KNIGHT was well known throughout Milford and Nashua as a man of superior business ability and integrity. He was born June 16, 1823, in Hancock, N.H., son of Asa and Melinda (Adams) Knight, both natives of the Granite State. In 1832 he came with his parents to Milford; and here, after finishing his studies in the district schools, he learned the trade of a cabinet-maker, at which he worked for a number of years. When about thirty years old he removed with his family to Nashua, N.H., accepting a situation with the Jackson Manufacturing Company, cotton manufacturers, remaining in their employ for more than three decades. Beginning first in their mechanical department as a carpenter, he was soon made overseer of their yards, and subsequently promoted to the office of superintendent of their mills. In this capacity Mr. Knight served with credit to himself and profit to the company, winning the respect and good will of both his employers and the employees until 1885, when he retired from business. In 1886 he came to Milford, where he spent the remainder of his life. By thrift and industry he acquired a good deal of property. He was made a Mason while residing in Nashua.

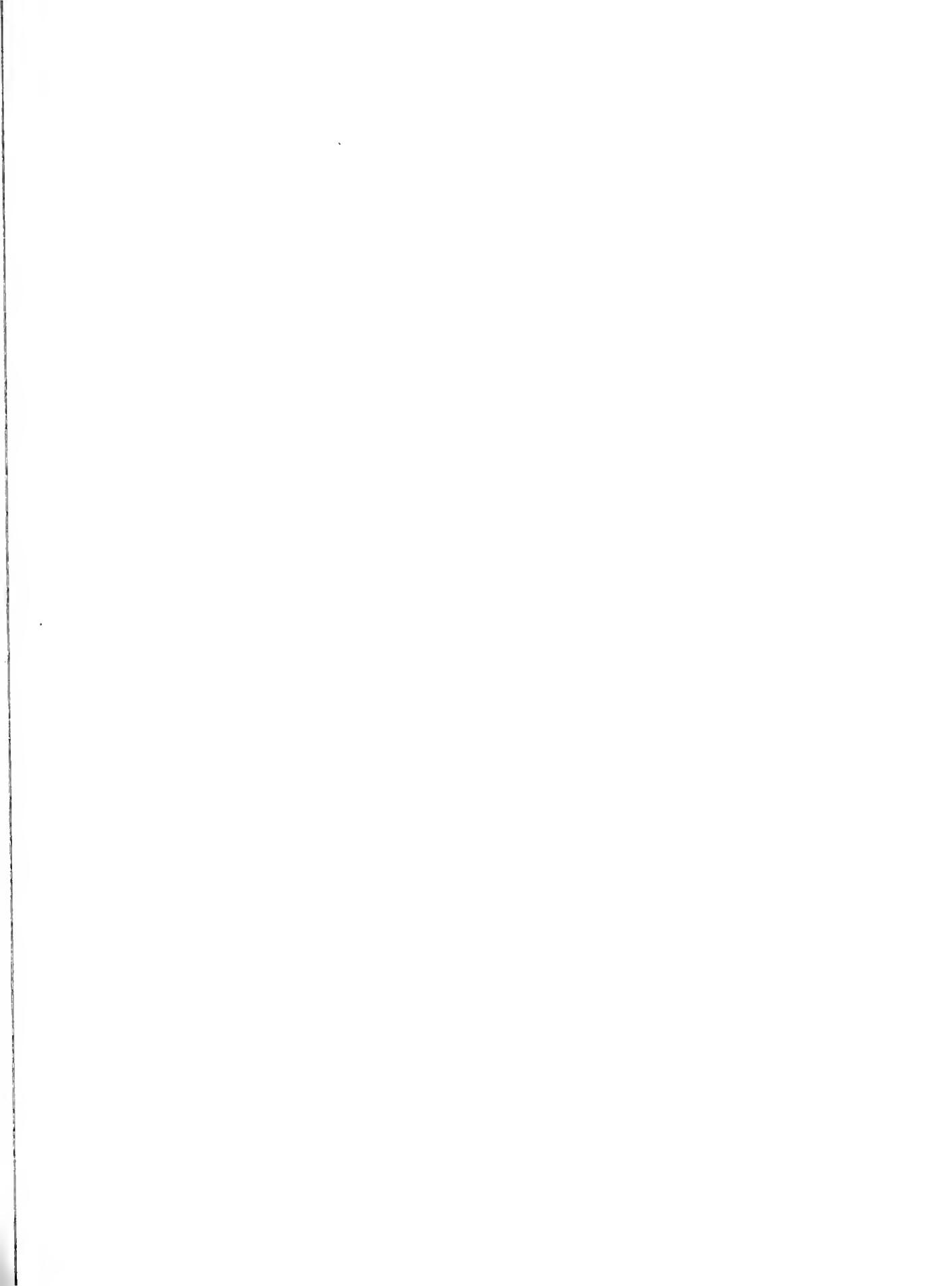
On October 3, 1844, Mr. Knight married

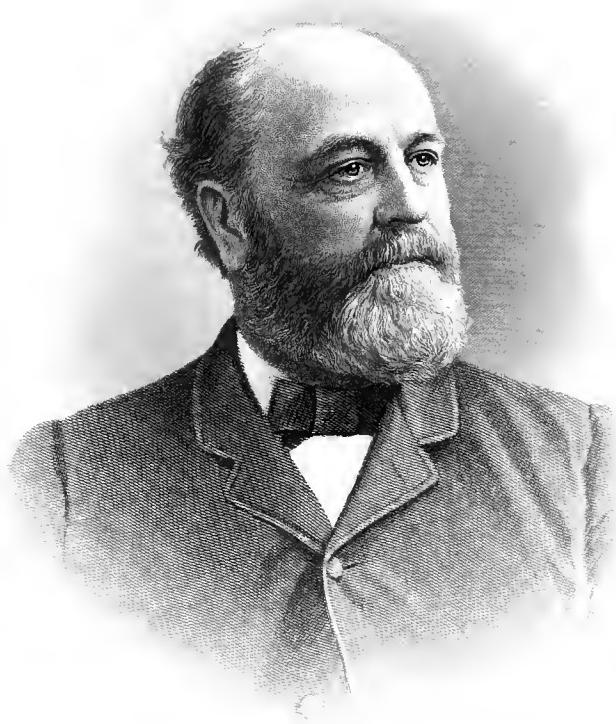
Miss Margaret Chase, a daughter of Nathaniel and Lydia (Crooker) Chase. Both parents were natives of New Hampshire. The mother was born and bred in Londonderry. Mr. Knight died at his home in Milford, January 4, 1887. The event was mourned by the townspeople as the loss of a worthy citizen. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Knight has continued her residence in Milford, having a pleasant and attractive home on Amherst Street. She is a woman of refinement, noted for her hospitality and benevolence, and is a regular attendant of the Unitarian church, believing fully in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

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**C**YRUS S. MOORE, American Express agent at Marlboro Depot, Cheshire County, was born in Jaffrey, this county, July 5, 1832, son of Luke and Mary (Baker) Moore. The paternal grandfather, John Moore, was a native and lifelong resident of Sharon, N.H., where he carried on a farm. The maiden name of his wife was Hannah Fitch. Luke Moore, father of the subject of this sketch, was reared to agricultural pursuits, and cultivated a farm of seventy-five acres in Jaffrey for a number of years. He later moved to Marlboro, where he resided until his death, which was caused by an accident. His wife, Mary, who survived him, became the mother of two sons: Loren L., who died in Leominster, Mass., leaving a wife and one child; and Cyrus S.

Cyrus S. Moore was educated in the public schools of Marlboro. Being left fatherless at the age of fourteen, he obtained employment in a pail manufactory, where he worked for about four years; and for the succeeding three years he followed the carpenter's trade. He was then appointed station agent at Marlboro Depot, the responsible duties of which position he capably performed for over thirty years. Subsequently he drove a stage and carried the mail from Marlboro Depot to Marlboro Centre. He was in the grocery business for about a year and a half, and has been agent for the American Express Company since 1857.





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Mr. Moore served two terms as Selectman, and is now a Police Officer and Deputy Sheriff, having held the latter office several years. He is connected by membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Patrons of Husbandry, and he is also a member of the Congregational church, in which he has held the position of chorister many years.

Mr. Moore has been three times married. His first wife, who was in maidenhood Caroline A. Farrar, became the mother of three children — Frederick Sidney, Lizzie Caroline, and Albert Loren. Frederick S., who is no longer living, wedded Mary A. Hall, of Walpole, and was the father of two children — Charles E. and Carrie M. Lizzie Caroline married F. E. Adams, and has three children. Albert Loren married Sarah J. Goldsmith. Mr. Moore's first wife died March 14, 1866. His second wife was Mrs. Hattie Frost Harrington, daughter of Sumner Frost, of Derby, Vt. She died January 16, 1885. On December 29, 1885, he married Mrs. L. E. Smith Blodgett, a native of Westminster, Mass.

Politically, Mr. Moore is a Republican, and cast his first Presidential vote for J. C. Fremont in 1856.

**G**EORGE E. HOLBROOK, one of the foremost agriculturists of Amherst, Hillsboro County, was born in this town, November 12, 1854, son of Francis W. and Olivia C. (Howland) Holbrook. [Further information regarding his ancestry will be found in the biography of his brother, Frank A. Holbrook.] He obtained his early education in the public schools of his native town. Afterward he attended McCollom Institute at Mont Vernon, N.H., for a time. From his earliest youth he has made farming his chief occupation, first assisting in the care of the home farm, and then working with persevering energy in the improvement of his own estate. He owns two hundred acres of land, which he has brought to a fair state of cultivation. Besides tilling the soil to great advantage, he carries on a substantial busi-

ness as a milk producer, and pays considerable attention to fruit-growing. Mr. Holbrook is in hearty sympathy with all movements tending to improve and elevate the mental, moral, and religious status of his native town and county. In polities he is identified with the Republican party, and for several years he has been Moderator at the annual town meetings. He belongs to the A. O. U. W., of Manchester, N.H., and is a prominent member of the Souhegan Grange, No. 10, of Amherst, of which he was Master for two years. When twelve years of age Mr. Holbrook united with the Congregational church, of which he has since been a devoted member. For a short time he served as Deacon. During his life he has been influential in Sunday-school work, and for three years acted as superintendent of the Sunday-school connected with his church. He was also largely instrumental in the organization of the Y. P. S. C. E. of this place, and during the most of the time since its formation has been the president of the society.

Mr. Holbrook has been twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Cora B. Fisher, died March 5, 1894, leaving him two children — Bertha M. and Jennie E. On May 7, 1896, he married Mrs. Lestina A. Richardson, who was born in East Alstead, N.H., a daughter of John W. and Eveline F. (Brigham) Sawyer, of Alstead.

**G**EORGE ALLEN RAMSDELL, Governor of New Hampshire (1897-98), was born in Milford, N.H., March 11, 1834. His first ancestors in America upon both sides were English emigrants, and among the early settlers of Massachusetts.

In 1815 his grandfather, Captain William Ramsdell, then of Salem, Mass., purchased the farm in Milford, which has been the home of the family for more than eighty years, and is now owned by Governor Ramsdell and his brother.

The subject of this sketch attended the public schools in his native town, then took a preparatory course at McCollom Institute, Mont Vernon, and completed one year's study

at Amherst College. He subsequently received the degree of Master of Arts from Dartmouth College. Upon the completion of his legal studies he opened an office at Peterboro, N.H., where he remained six years, and until he was appointed clerk of the Supreme Court for the county of Hillsboro, which occasioned his removal to Nashua, where he now resides. During his long term of service as clerk he acted as auditor, master in chancery, and referee in a large number of suits. His service as a trier of causes has never been exceeded by any member of the bar excepting the judges of the courts of the State. In 1893, six years subsequent to his retirement from the clerkship, he was tendered a seat upon the bench of the Supreme Court of the State.

During the thirty years of his residence in the city of his adoption he has filled many positions of influence. For ten years he was a member of the Board of Education, and for twice that time he has been trustee of the Public Library. In 1869-71 he was a member of the legislature; in 1876 a member of the Constitutional Convention; and in 1891-92 a member of the Executive Council. For five years he was president of the Board of Trustees of the State Industrial School, and he has at times filled other public offices of trust. His law business is at present confined to office and probate practice.

Among the positions of private trust which he holds may be enumerated: president of the First National Bank and treasurer of the City Guaranty Savings Bank in Nashua, director in the Nashua Manufacturing Company and the Jackson Company, the leading industries of his city. He is also a director in the Wilton and Peterboro Railroads; but, as these roads are under a long lease, no demand is made upon his time by reason of his connection with them.

Governor Ramsdell is a member of the First Congregational Church and Society, and was one of the promoters of the erection in 1893 of the stone church of the parish, which is not excelled by any structure of the kind in the State. He is also a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason. Mr. Ramsdell is one

of the most unpretentious citizens of his city. He has a pleasant home on Concord Street, where, with his wife and two children — two having established homes of their own — he is enjoying the latter half of a life which from the beginning has been one of ceaseless care and labor. Mr. Ramsdell's political life commenced with the organization of the Republican party, and during the forty years of its existence he has been a consistent member. He was elected Governor, November 3, 1896, by a plurality of more than twenty thousand votes. His vote was larger than that attained by any gubernatorial candidate during the entire history of the State, and his vote in his own city was larger than that received by any man at any election, save William McKinley.

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WINGATE M. DARRAH, of Bedford, who is in the roofing business in Manchester, was born in the former place, May 31, 1831, son of Isaac and Rachel (Watts) Darrah. The grandfather, James Darrah, who was an early settler of Londonderry, N.H., moved to Hillsboro County, where the greater part of his life was passed. He was a stirring farmer and the proprietor of a saw and grist mill in Bedford. His last days were spent upon the farm which is now occupied by his grandson, and he died February 27, 1829. His wife died May 7, 1836.

Isaac Darrah, a native of Hillsboro County, born December 17, 1786, settled upon a farm in Bedford, and followed agriculture for the rest of his active period. He died November 13, 1867. In politics he was originally a Whig and later a Republican. He was an active member of the Baptist church. His wife, Rachel, who was born August 23, 1795, on territory now within the limits of Manchester, became the mother of nine children, three of whom are living. The latter are: Sarah S., who resides in Manchester; Wingate M., the subject of this sketch; and Calista J., who is residing in Iowa. The others were: Martha W., Mary A., Rufus T., Juliet, Isaac W., and John S. Isaac W. was also a resident of Manchester. The mother died May 7, 1863.

Wingate M. Darrah attended the common schools of Bedford and the Normal Institute at Reed's Ferry. After beginning life as a farmer, he later entered the railway service, and in time worked his way forward from the post of a section hand to that of locomotive engineer. He relinquished the latter occupation to engage in the roofing business in Manchester, which he has followed for the past twenty-five years, making a specialty of gravel and slate roofs. He has acquired a high reputation for skilful work, and he is widely known as a reliable business man. He also owns and cultivates the homestead property of three hundred acres. The property has been greatly improved in his hands, and his residence is one of the finest in Bedford.

On July 27, 1856, Mr. Darrah was united in marriage with Sarah E. Batchelder. She was born in New Market, N.H., July 6, 1838, daughter of Samuel and Eliza J. (Durgin) Batchelder. Mr. and Mrs. Darrah have seven children living, namely: Walter E., of Concord; Fred C., of Manchester; George W., of Merrimac; Minnie W., of Concord; and Jennie E., Mertie M., and Sadie M., who are residing in Bedford. In politics Mr. Darrah supports the Republican party. He is highly esteemed, both in Manchester and Bedford, by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. His success in business is especially meritorious, as it has been attained solely through his own energy and ability.

**M**ASON ADAMS CARPENTER, the Representative of Surry in the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, December 5, 1845, son of William and Abigail (White) Carpenter. Ezra Carpenter, William's father, was a prosperous farmer of Surry, served the town in various offices, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His family consisted of seven children; namely, Willard, William, Betsey, Nancy, John, Ruth, and another child who died in infancy.

William Carpenter, also a native of Surry, was born January 26, 1814. He was a stirring farmer and a lifelong resident of this

town. For some years he was influential in the local government, serving as a Selectman, Highway Surveyor, and in other offices. He united with the Methodist Episcopal church. His death occurred in 1890. He married Abigail White, who was born in Gilsum, N.H., December 25, 1820. Her children were: Luman M., Josephine A., Ellen M., Jasper A., Frank D. W., Mason A., Eugene R., Hattie M., Marietta C., Flora A., Merrill D., Le Forest J., Mira A., Martha, and Fred. Mrs. William Carpenter died July 20, 1887.

Mason Adams Carpenter was reared and educated in Surry, and served the customary apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade. He has long been prominent in this section as a reliable contractor and builder, and has carried on a large business in that line. Valuable service has been rendered by him to the town in the capacities of Selectman, Town Treasurer, Road Agent, and legislative Representative. In the legislature of 1889 he was assigned to the Industrial Schools Committee, and in the last session of the House he was a member of that on the Division of Towns.

Mr. Carpenter married Mary E. Pool, who was born in Lowell, Mass., September 9, 1847, daughter of Samuel Pool. Mrs. Carpenter is the mother of three children, born as follows: Arthur M., October 19, 1868; Maud L., January 24, 1872; and Gertrude J., August 1, 1874. Arthur M., who is engaged in farming in Keene, married Eva Edgell, and has two children. Maud L. is the wife of George N. Conley, a storekeeper in Surry, and has three children. Gertrude J. married Herbert R. Crane, of this town, and has three children.

**G**EORGE E. BALES, a prominent lawyer of Wilton and its present Representative in the State legislature, was born here, September 14, 1862, son of Charles A. and Frances M. (Hardy) Bales. The paternal grandfather, John Bales, who was an industrious blacksmith of Wilton, married Milly Shattuck, and became the father of

ten children. Of these Jane B., Joanna B., and Charles A. are living. Jane B. is the wife of William Brown, of Greenfield, N.H.; and Joanna B. is the widow of Daniel Ames, and has one daughter, Minnie A.

Charles A. Bales, George E. Bales's father, was born in Wilton, February 24, 1835. When a young man he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he has followed successfully up to the present time. The first of his three marriages was contracted with Frances M. Hardy, a native of Greenfield, and whose only child is George E., the subject of this sketch. The second marriage was made with Sarah Brown, of Temple, N.H., who had one daughter, Bessie F. The third marriage of Charles A. Bales united him with Mary C. Campbell, of New Boston, who bore him one son, Harold C.

After obtaining his elementary education in the schools of Wilton, George E. Bales attended the academy in Francestown for a year. Then he entered Phillips Exeter Academy, from which he was graduated in 1883. He next completed a course at Harvard University, after which he commenced the study of law in Boston with ex-Governor Brackett. He graduated from the Boston University Law School with the class of 1888, and in September of that year he opened an office in Wilton. On January 1, 1889, he was elected treasurer of the Wilton Savings Bank, a position he still holds. He has been Tax Collector for some time, Town Treasurer for six years, and a member of the School Board for seven years. He was elected State Representative in 1894 and 1896, each time for the term of two years, and served upon the Judiciary and other important committees. He has been trustee of the public library for several years. Politically, he is a Democrat, and he was a delegate to the last national convention of his party in Chicago.

On October 16, 1889, Mr. Bales was united in marriage with Abbie M. French, a daughter of Francis B. French, of Wilton. Both he and Mrs. Bales attend the Unitarian church. Mr. Bales is connected with Clinton Lodge, No. 52, F. & A. M., of which he was Master for three years; and with King

Solomon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Milford. He is also a member of Laurel Lodge, No. 78, I. O. O. F. While attending to his public duties, Mr. Bales conducts an extensive law business, and is one of the busiest men in Wilton.

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**E**UGENE C. HUBBARD, the present Representative of Amherst in the New Hampshire legislature, is one of the most thrifty and prosperous agriculturists of this section of Hillsboro County. Born July 19, 1855, in Charlestown, Mass., he was legally adopted by the late William H. Hubbard, when about five years of age. William H. Hubbard, who was born and reared in Amherst, at the death of his father, Amos Hubbard, became the possessor of the paternal homestead. There he was engaged in agricultural pursuits during his active years, and he died in 1888. He was a strong Republican in politics. A charter member of Souhegan Lodge, No. 10, P. of H., of Amherst, he was prominent in the management of the society, and filled with fidelity the various offices of the grange. He married Betsey H. Russell, a daughter of Otis Russell, of Marlboro, Mass. She survives her husband, making her home in the village of Amherst, being now past seventy years of age.

Eugene C. Hubbard received his preliminary education in the common schools of Amherst. Then he attended the McCollom Institute in Mont Vernon for three years. Beginning when a boy to assist in the labors incidental to farm life, he has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits. Under his judicious management the Hubbard homestead, to which he has succeeded, and which contains two hundred acres of land, compares favorably in point of cultivation and improvements with any estate in the vicinity. Besides carrying on general farming he is extensively engaged in raising various kinds of fruit. A shrewd man of business, endowed with a clear intellect and much force of character, he is recognized as a serviceable guardian of the interests of the town and county. For four years he served with credit to him-

self and to the satisfaction of his constituents as Selectman of Amherst, having been chairman of the Board for two years. In 1896 he was chosen as the town's Representative in the legislature. In politics he is a stanch Republican. He is a member of Souhegan Grange, No. 10, P. of H.

On March 19, 1878, Mr. Hubbard married Miss Addie F. Noyes, a daughter of Frederick Noyes, of Amherst. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard have a family of three interesting children — Fred W., Emma G., and Bertha A.

**C**LARENCE E. MORRISON, of the Granite State Evaporating Company, Marlow, was born in this town, September 17, 1867, son of James H. and Sylvia M. (Corey) Morrison. The Morrisons, who are of English origin, trace their descent to two brothers, who came to this country in 1719, and settled in Londonderry, N.H. Clarence E. Morrison's great-grandfather, Samuel Morrison, resided in Alstead, N.H. The grandfather, Benjamin F. Morrison, who was born in that town, June 29, 1813, spent the most of his life in Cheshire County. When a young man he drove a stage. He was later employed as a mechanic in the construction of locomotives and in the capacity of locomotive engineer. On February 9, 1837, he married Sophia Dodge, of Springfield, Vt., who bore him two children — James H. and Frances A.

James H. Morrison, born in Marlow, August 10, 1840, learned the currier's trade, and afterward followed it for the rest of his life. He was an upright, conscientious citizen. In public affairs he was quite active, and rendered efficient services to the town as a member of the School Board. He died June 3, 1881. His first marriage was contracted July 4, 1864, with Sylvia M. Corey. She was born December 14, 1838, daughter of Nathan Corey, of Washington, N.H., and died August 20, 1872. On May 15, 1873, a second marriage united him with Mrs. Frances M. (Harris) Gould. By his first union he was the father of four children, namely: Frank E., born March 16, 1865; Clarence E., the subject of

this sketch; and Lillie and Leslie, twins, who died in infancy. Frank E. Morrison was employed at cabinet-making for two years. Subsequently he was employed in the capacity of clerk in hotels at Lawrence, Boston, Portland, Me., and New York City. He is now an advertising agent, with headquarters in New York, and one of the proprietors of the Granite State Evaporating Company.

After attending school in Marlow, Clarence E. Morrison completed his education with a commercial course at Eastman's Business College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Subsequently he was employed at a tinware factory in Marlow for ten years. Then he and his brother, Frank E. Morrison, bought the establishment, and formed the Granite State Evaporating Company. This firm makes sap evaporators, feed boilers, cookers, and syrup cans, and butter pails for creamery use. Their goods, some of which are protected by patents, are the latest improvements in this line. They are extensively used and greatly appreciated by maple sugar manufacturers and farmers, who derive much benefit from the saving of time and expense accomplished by their introduction. The company's office in New York is located in Rooms 1, 2, and 3 of 500 Temple Court.

On December 24, 1892, Mr. Morrison was united in marriage with Elizabeth M. Duffy, who was born in Hillsboro, N.H., April 22, 1874, daughter of Nicholas Duffy, of Winchester, N.H. He has been Secretary of Forest Lodge, I. O. O. F. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church.

**F**RANKLIN HARTSHORN, a prominent and prosperous business man of Milford, was born September 6, 1833, in Amherst, son of Jotham and Elizabeth (Blodgett) Hartshorn. The paternal grandfather, Edward Hartshorn, was a boy of ten years when he removed from Reading, Mass., with his parents to Amherst, which was afterward his permanent home. Jotham Hartshorn was a lifelong resident of Amherst, where he died in 1878. He worked at the carpenter's trade in his earlier life. Afterward he was

engaged in agricultural pursuits, and eventually established a successful business in the manufacture of lumber. Besides serving as Selectman in Amherst for many years, he represented the town in the State legislature for three terms.

Franklin Hartshorn obtained a good common-school education in Amherst and Milford. At the age of twenty years, after assisting on the home farm for a time, he became associated with his father in the lumber business, to which he has since devoted much of his time and attention. On the death of his parents he assumed the sole charge of both the mill and the homestead property. On the latter, which contains about two hundred acres of land, he carries on farming with profit. In the lumber business his dealings, both wholesale and retail, are quite extensive.

On February 2, 1860, Mr. Hartshorn married Miss Elizabeth P. Knight, a daughter of the late Jonathan Knight, of Amherst, N.H. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hartshorn, Lucy A., Hattie M., and Levi J. are living. Lucy is now the wife of A. M. Wilkins, of Amherst. Mr. Hartshorn is an active Republican in politics, and he served for one term in the State legislature as a member of the lower house.

**H**ENRY H. BARBER, a leading dry-goods merchant of Milford, the vice-president of the Souhegan National Bank, and the president and treasurer of the Milford Granite Company, was born December 16, 1852, in Nashua, N.H., son of Hiram and Lucy (Fales) Barber. His great-great-grandfather, Captain Robert Barber, who held a captain's commission under George III. in the Colonial troops, and was afterward a soldier in the Revolutionary army, was one of the pioneers of Canaan, Grafton County, where he and his descendants labored industriously in clearing and improving a tract of land. Hiram and Lucy Barber were both natives of Canaan.

Henry H. Barber lived in Nashua until about four years old. Then his parents removed to De Kalb County, Illinois, going

thence to Chicago, where they resided for a time. They subsequently returned to New Hampshire, locating in Canaan, where Henry H. Barber, the subject of this sketch, acquired his education in a private academy. On leaving the Canaan Academy, he began his active career as a clerk in the retail dry-goods house of Taylor & Norwell, of Nashua, remaining there a number of years. In 1878 he came to Milford, having bought out the firm of Gray & Howard, dry-goods merchants. Commencing on a moderate scale, he has now an extensive department store, which he is successfully conducting on safe business principles, employing from twelve to fifteen clerks to attend to his large number of patrons. He is also the treasurer and manager of the Milford Granite Company, which is one of the largest concerns in the quarry and granite-cutting business in New England. Known for a man of foresight and good practical sense, he has been made the president of the Milford Board of Trade and a trustee of the Milford Savings Bank.

Mr. Barber was united in matrimony with Miss Fostina M. Dodge, a daughter of Alva H. Dodge, of Antrim, N.H. He is now the father of one daughter, Ethelyn F. Barber. In politics he is a steadfast Republican, taking a decided interest in local affairs, and he has served as Representative in the State legislature for two years. A Mason of the Milford Lodge, he is a member of St. George Commandery of Nashua, and he has taken the degrees of the Scottish Rite. He has also membership in the I. O. O. F.

**D**AVID ONSLOW SMITH, M.D., a well-known medical practitioner of Hudson, was born here, November 12, 1823. His grandfather, Page Smith, a Massachusetts man by birth, in his earlier years settled in Hudson, where he carried on farming interests throughout the rest of his life. Page Smith attained the age of ninety years. His wife, Lydia Hazelton Smith, born March 31, 1757, passed away on the 4th of April, 1821.

Alvan Smith, son of Page Smith, was en-

gaged in farming, and taught school for many years. A very popular teacher, he was much sought for as master for the winter terms and for schools difficult of management. His farm in Hudson was under good cultivation, and he was recognized as one of the most progressive farmers in the town. He served the community for several terms as Selectman, and was also Superintendent of Schools. His religious views were liberal. In politics at first a Whig, he joined the Republican party at its formation. His death occurred in Hudson, January 11, 1879. The first of his two marriages was contracted with Patty Robinson, who was the mother of Dr. David Onslow Smith. His second wife was Chloe Smith.

Dr. Smith's boyhood was spent in Hudson. He obtained his education in the town schools, the Nashua Seminary, and Pinkerton Academy, Derry. When twenty-three years of age he began to study medicine with Dr. H. M. Hooke, a practising physician of Hudson. Later he took a professional course of study in the Harvard Medical School, from which, after four years of training, both in the theory and the practice of medicine, he graduated in 1850. Thereupon he located in his native town, where he has been engaged in active practice since. Within the past few years he has turned over to his son the heavier part of his work. As a physician Dr. Smith has won for himself a reputation for skill and ability over a wide territory.

On August 30, 1855, Dr. Smith was married to Mary H. Greely, who was born October 30, 1832, daughter of Reuben Greely. Mrs. Smith died December 27, 1867, leaving five children, namely: Minnie E., born June 5, 1856, now Mrs. William H. Bruce, of Groton, Mass., and the mother of four children — Winfred, Ethel K., Margaret, and Harry Bruce; Edmund G., born October 10, 1857, who died March 29, 1869; Mattie R., born July 21, 1859, who now resides in Hudson; Herbert L., born January 9, 1862, a physician in the city of Boston, who married Lottie De Wolf, and has two children — Theodora L. and David O.; and Henry O., born December 18, 1864, now practising medicine at Hudson, who married Marcia Dearing, and has one son,

Deering Greely Smith. Dr. Smith contracted a second marriage, March 12, 1874, with Hannah P. Haselton, who was born in Hudson, September 20, 1835, daughter of Luther Haselton. In politics he is a Republican. He served for many years on the School Board, and was a member of the last Constitutional Convention of the State. In religious faith he is a Baptist.

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**P**ERSONS BARTLETT, the senior member of the firm P. Bartlett & Son, of Miltord, manufacturers of woollen hosiery, is well known in business and social circles, and highly respected for his sterling qualities. Born August 13, 1832, in the town of Morgan, Vt., he is a son of Zenas Bartlett, who is said to have been the second white child born in that place. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, spent a portion of his life in Morgan, which he represented for two terms in the Vermont legislature. He died in Milford, at the age of eighty-eight years, four months, twenty-eight days. His wife, in maidenhood Betsey Piper, was likewise a native of the Green Mountain State. They had a family of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second-born.

Persons Bartlett was educated in the public schools of his native town. At the age of twenty years he began to learn the shoemaker's trade, and afterward worked at it for twenty-five years in Stoughton and Randolph, Mass. He then engaged in business for himself as a shoe manufacturer, continuing in Massachusetts until his removal to Lakeport, N.H., where he conducted a shoe and hosiery factory for some years. On December 1, 1886, Mr. Bartlett transferred his manufacturing interests to Milford, this county, where he has devoted his attention exclusively to woollen hosiery. He is conducting an extensive and profitable business, employing in busy seasons one hundred and forty hands. On August 2, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, Thirty-fifth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, under General Burnside. He

participated in the battles of South Mountain and Antietam, being wounded in the latter engagement. In January, 1863, he was honorably discharged from the service. In politics he is a Republican. In 1890 and 1891 he was a Representative to the State legislature. He is a Mason and an Odd Fellow, and is likewise affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, with the Order of the Golden Cross, and with the Pilgrim Fathers. He is an active and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Milford and the superintendent of the Sunday-school connected therewith.

The first of Mr. Bartlett's two marriages was contracted with Ann Capen, of Stoughton, Mass., who died July 10, 1890. She left three children, namely: Lucy J., the wife of A. E. Goodwin, of New York City; Fred B., the junior member of the firm P. Bartlett & Son, and who in 1895 and 1896 was a Representative in the New Hampshire legislature; and Annie, the wife of Jarvis Stowell, of Milford. Born of the second marriage, which was made with Miss Abbie R. Lowe, of Amherst, Mr. Bartlett has one child, Bertha.

**G**EORGE E. FARLEY, of Amherst, one of the enterprising agriculturists of Hillsboro County, was born February 6, 1849, in Hollis, N.H., a son of Enoch Farley, and a descendant of a pioneer settler of that place. His grandfather, Enoch Farley, Sr., a lifelong resident of Hollis, was well known and respected in the district. The father, a man of sound judgment and much executive ability, served as Selectman of Hollis for a number of years, and during the late war was a recruiting officer at Concord, N.H. He subsequently removed to Nashua, this county, where he was Street Commissioner for a number of terms, and where he died in 1886. In politics he was an unwavering Democrat. His wife, whose maiden name was Harriet E. Baker, was born and reared in Sullivan, N.H. They reared four children; namely, George E., Luke A., Hattie E., and Lizzie G. Farley.

George E. Farley grew to man's estate in his native town, attending the district schools

of Hollis, the high school of Milford, and the McCollom Institute of Mont Vernon. After leaving the latter institution, he taught school for one year in the town of Brookline, this State. Going then to Nashua, he began life as a clerk in the furniture store of John Coggin, remaining in that capacity until familiar with the business in all of its details. Then, in company with his brother, Luke A. Farley, he bought out his employer, and, until the dissolution of the firm, carried on a successful business under the name of Farley Brothers. In 1879 Mr. Farley removed to Amherst, having bought the farm where he now resides, and has since carried on an extensive business in general agriculture and lumbering, besides serving as Justice of the Peace and doing much work in the probate line.

On May 20, 1875, Mr. Farley married Miss Mary E. Harmon, daughter of the late Ivory and Almeda (Hobson) Harmon, of Nashua. They have one child, George W. Farley. Since becoming a citizen of Amherst, Mr. Farley has identified himself with the leading interests of the town, and encouraged and supported all beneficial enterprises. For four years he has served acceptably as Selectman of the town. In politics he is a stanch Republican. He is a member of Souhegan Grange and of the Order of the Golden Cross, both of Amherst.

**C**HARLES F. DODGE, who owns and conducts one of the finest farms in New Boston, was born on this place, July 2, 1838, son of Solomon and Mary (Dodge) Dodge. His paternal great-grandfather, also named Solomon, who was an early settler, and the grandfather, Solomon (second), were influential men in the town, and followed farming as an occupation. The father, who was born here February 27, 1808, having likewise spent his active years in agricultural pursuits, died March 11, 1881, aged seventy-three years. Mary, his wife, who was born February 20, 1803, died at sixty-five. He was a member of the Baptist church, and she of the Presbyterian. In politics he was a Republican. He represented New Boston in

the State legislature and in the Board of Selectmen for a time. Of his six sons Solomon, Charles F., William B., and Edward B. are living. The deceased are: Julian P. and Ernest A.

Charles F. Dodge was educated in the schools of New Boston and at New London Academy. His chief occupation has been general farming, in which he has been successful. The old home farm, on which he resides, has become noted as one of the best in the State and county. He has a nice house, good barns and out-buildings. He owns sufficient other land to make about three hundred acres all together. The home place is conducted principally as a dairy farm, with about forty head of cattle, chiefly Holsteins.

In January, 1872, Mr. Dodge married Miss Emma J. Wallace, who was born in Manchester, N.H., daughter of John and Abbie Wallace. They have four children living—Jessie E., Winifred, Mary A., and Gracie W. They buried their fifth child, Julian P. Dodge. In politics Mr. Dodge is a Republican. He has served acceptably as Selectman and on the School Board, and he is a member of the Baptist church.

**G**EORGE C. WARREN, an enterprising general farmer and lumberman of New Boston, was born here, July 30, 1847, on the old Warren farm, son of John B. Warren and a descendant of one of the earliest families here. [A brief account of the family's early history will be found in the biography of James Warren.] After obtaining his elementary education in the common schools, young Warren attended Francestown Academy, and later Appleton Academy, now the McCollom Institute of Mont Vernon. In early manhood he taught school for two winters. He came to the village of New Boston in 1872, and, in company with C. H. Dodge, forming the firm of Dodge & Warren, afterward conducted a general store for several years. Then, selling his interest in the store to Mr. Dodge, he took up lumbering, which he has since followed at intervals. He has also since then worked for Mr. Dodge in the capacity

of clerk for three years. During the past four years Mr. Warren has carried on quite an extensive business in lumbering. His custom is to buy standing timber, and then cut and manufacture it into different kinds of lumber. In the busy season he employs from twenty to twenty-five men. He owns about four hundred acres of land in Hillsboro County. Besides his general farming and lumbering Mr. Warren attends to a milk route in New Boston. The place on which he lives is known as the D. B. Lovering farm.

On August 19, 1875, Mr. Warren and Miss Abbie E. Lovering were united in marriage. She was born in Deering, N.H., August 7, 1852, daughter of Daniel B. and Elsie G. (Eastman) Lovering. Her father, who was a prosperous farmer, was born in Deering, and died in New Boston in 1891. Her mother died in 1871. Mr. and Mrs. Warren have one daughter—Elsie G. Warren, who was born in New Boston, May 14, 1879. In his political relations Mr. Warren is a Democrat. He has been Town Treasurer for several years, a member of the School Board for three years, and he has served as Supervisor and in minor offices. The home of the family, situated on one of the picturesque hills that surround New Boston, is a beautiful place in the summer season. Mr. Warren is highly esteemed in the community.

**J**AMES M. RAMSDELL, an enterprising manufacturer of Swanzey, Cheshire County, and a member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, November 17, 1859, son of Richard R. and Mary (Applin) Ramsdell. His grandfather, Elisha Ramsdell, was a native of Richmond, N.H., but some time after marriage he removed to Swanzey.

Richard R. Ramsdell, father of James M., was born in Richmond, and came to Swanzey with his parents when he was three years old. At an early age he learned pail-making, and after working for others for some years he became associated with his father in the manufacture of small toy pails. They started on a limited scale in a building on Bridge Brook,

and after carrying on the business there for some time they in 1871 bought a factory formerly used for that purpose in East Swanzey. They added the manufacture of large pails and buckets to their enterprise; and, as the demand for these articles increased, they purchased another mill but a short distance from the lower factory, and conducted a thriving business. Richard R. Ramsdell died in 1894. He was a member of Company I, Sixteenth New Hampshire Regiment, and served nine months in the Civil War. His first wife, Mary Applin, died in 1871, leaving four children, namely: James M., the subject of this sketch; Richard R.; Lizzie E.; and Angie M. His second wife, whose maiden name was Mary Dodge, and who, surviving him, resides at the home farm, is the mother of two children—Ethel and Alice.

James M. Ramsdell was educated in his native town, and after leaving school he entered his father's factory for the purpose of learning the business. He later bought the interest of his uncle, and, in company with his father, carried on the enterprise under the firm name of J. M. Ramsdell. Since the death of his father James M. has had the entire control of the business, and it has increased in many ways. He now manufactures lard tubs, in addition to the other articles; and the goods are disposed of in New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Baltimore, and Boston. The lower mill was destroyed by fire some time since; and, instead of rebuilding, an addition was made to the upper mill, where he now employs from fifteen to twenty men. He owns a tract of land, the timber from which he cuts and hauls to his factory; and he also buys from other operators.

Politically, Mr. Ramsdell is a Republican, and in the last session of the legislature he was assigned to the Committee on Normal Schools. He is a member of Monadnock Lodge, F. & A. M., of Troy, N.H.; of Pakuoig Lodge, I. O. O. F.; is Commander of the local commandery of the United Order of the Golden Cross; and was formerly a member of the Sons of Veterans.

Mr. Ramsdell married Hattie R. Alexander, daughter of Calvin Alexander, of Troy, N.H.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsdell are the parents of three children; namely, Blanche, Ruth, and Faith.

The family reside upon the estate formerly known as the Applin place. They attend the Congregational church.

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**J**ONAS CUTTER, for the past thirty years proprietor of the Cutter House in Jaffrey, formerly kept by his father, the late Ethan Cutter, was born in this town, December 9, 1833. He is a representative of a well-known Jaffrey family which has been identified with the hotel business here for three generations, and members of which have been prominent in local public affairs. John Cutter, Mr. Cutter's grandfather, a native of Woburn, Mass., settled in Jaffrey in 1789 or about that time, and followed the trade of a tanner and currier. He married Abigail Demary, who was of French ancestry, and they had the following children: John, Jonas, Benjamin, Ethan, Ermina, Cyrus, Esther, Nathaniel, Hepsy, Emeline, Paulina, and Abigail.

Ethan Cutter, father of Jonas, was born in Jaffrey, April 11, 1795. He carried on the hotel of which his son is now proprietor for upward of forty years, having taken possession of it in 1826. He was widely and favorably known throughout this section both as a genial host and an able public official. He occupied various public positions of trust, including those of Postmaster and Town Treasurer, which he held for many years. He was a charter member and once Master of Charity Lodge, F. & A. M., of Jaffrey. Ethan Cutter died October 24, 1889, in his ninety-fifth year. Nancy S. Blodgett, his wife, whom he married January 16, 1827, was a daughter of Timothy Blodgett, of Fitzwilliam, N.H. She became the mother of two children: Elizabeth S., born December 24, 1827; and Jonas, the subject of this sketch. Elizabeth S. is the widow of George F. Lawrence, a native of Jaffrey, formerly a fruit and produce dealer in Boston, and she is residing in that city with her two children: George E., born May 24, 1860; and Nancy B., born March 13, 1864.

Jonas Cutter has been in the hotel business since completing his education, and in 1867 he became proprietor of the noted summer hostelry that had long been carried on by his father. The house is situated on elevated ground at the foot of Mount Monadnock, a magnificent view of which is to be obtained from the veranda, and for invigorating air and wild, picturesque scenery this locality is unsurpassed.

Mr. Cutter married Lydia Valeria Eveleth, who was born in Dublin, N.H., April 3, 1832, daughter of Joseph Eveleth. Mrs. Cutter has been the mother of two children: Isabella V., born July 13, 1854, who died August 31, 1869; and Mortimer E., born June 5, 1856.

Mortimer E. Cutter finished his studies at the New Ipswich Academy, and for a time was engaged in the stage and livery business in Jaffrey. He afterward became proprietor of the Granite State House, East Jaffrey, later was for two years proprietor of a hotel in Greenville, N.H., and is now carrying on the Hotel Winchendon, Winehendon, Mass. He married Nellie Platts, of that town, and has one daughter, Edith L.

**F**RDERICK H. COLONY, an enterprising business man of Wilton, Hillsboro County, was born in Keene, N.H., February 3, 1850, son of Henry and Mary Louise (Hayward) Colony. His grandfather, Josiah T. Colony, was a resident of Keene.

Henry Colony, who was a native of Keene, in early life worked at the glass-blower's and carpenter's trades. Later he was the proprietor of a general store, and still later he was engaged in the manufacture of woollen goods. In the latter business, which he carried on for many years, he was very successful and acquired a handsome fortune. Born March 23, 1823, he died July 18, 1884, at the age of sixty-one years. As a supporter of the Democratic party he ably filled various town offices. A prominent Mason, he was a member of Keene Lodge. His wife, Mary Louise, became the mother of six children, of whom Frank H., Frederick H., James, and Mary

are living. Frank H. married for his first wife Marie E. Coffin. By his second wife, whose maiden name was Madeline E. Cameron, there are three children—Frank, John, and Eleanor. James married Clara B. Wilber, of Adams, Mass., and has three children—Mary, James, and Murray. Mary L. is the wife of James S. Wilkins, of Keene, and has two children—Mary L. and James S. Mrs. Henry Colony died at the age of fifty-eight years. She was a member of the Unitarian church.

Frederick H. Colony acquired his education in Harrisville, N.H. After completing his studies he was appointed assistant teller at the Keene National Bank, and remained there for two years. He then became book-keeper in the office of his father's mill at Harrisville, where he continued until 1880. Then he engaged in the woollen manufacturing business upon his own account in Harrisville, Keene, and South Adams, Mass. In 1883 he came to Wilton, where, in company with his brothers, under the firm name of Colony Brothers, the firm manufactured woollen goods upon quite an extensive scale until a short time since.

On October 15, 1879, Mr. Colony was united in marriage with Lucy H. Grant, a daughter of Erastus Grant, of Lyme, N.H. Mrs. Colony is the mother of two children; namely, Henry G. and Louise G.

In politics Mr. Colony is a Democrat, and his religious belief is the Unitarian creed. He is a member of Keene Lodge, of the Temple F. & A. M.

**A**MASA B. DAVIS, one of Hinsdale's energetic farmers and best known citizens, was born in Winchester, N.H., July 7, 1824, son of Jonathan and Betsey (Burt) Davis. His grandfather, Oliver Davis, was a lifelong resident of Leominster, Mass., and was twice married. While he was serving as a soldier in the Indian War, a bullet from an Indian rifle passed completely through his body, making an ugly wound, which never healed.

Jonathan Davis was born in Leominster. Removing from Leominster, he located in the

south-west part of Winchester, and tilled the soil until his death, which occurred about the year 1832. He married for his first wife Hepzibah Pratt, and for his second wife Betsey Burt, daughter of Amasa Burt, of Winchester. His children by his first union were: Reuel, Hepzibah, Jonathan, Adeline, and Maria; and of these Reuel and Maria are living. His second wife became the mother of five children, namely: Lucius; Amasa B., the subject of this sketch; Pratt; Elizabeth; and Cyrus. Lucius Davis engaged in the meat business in Shelburne Falls, Mass., and died in that town. Pratt died young. Elizabeth is the widow of Leander Felt, and resides in Winchester; and Cyrus Davis, who married Mary Gilmore, is a dentist in this town.

Amasa B. Davis was left fatherless at the age of eight years, and the farm was for a time rented. He attended school in Winchester; and, when old enough to undertake the management of affairs, he and his brother, Lucius, took charge of the farm, thus providing a comfortable home for their mother. In 1858 Mr. Davis exchanged the homestead for his present farm of eighty acres, which is located upon the river road in Hinsdale, and was formerly owned by Sylvanus Barrett. Aside from general farming he for years transacted a profitable business in the fruit trade, buying apples all over the country; and for some time he was engaged in the woodenware business. He has also attended to considerable probate business, and settled several estates. Politically, he is a Republican, and has taken an active part in public affairs. He was a Selectman three years, and represented his district in the legislature in 1851-52. He is connected with Golden Rule Lodge, F. & A. M., and the Sons of Temperance, and was formerly president of a temperance club in this town. In his religious belief he is a Congregationalist, and is an active member of that church.

On May 27, 1851, Mr. Davis married for his first wife Juliet, daughter of Asael Lyman. She died October 11, 1852; and on February 6, 1856, he was joined in marriage with Julia Cook, daughter of Aaron Cook, of

Hadley, Mass. Mrs. Julia C. Davis has been the mother of three children: Abbie, who died at the age of six months; Frank A.; and Frederick C. Frank A. Davis, who assists his father upon the farm, married L. Jeanette Morse, daughter of Sidney Morse, of Winchester; Frederick C. Davis, who is a clerk in a clothing store in Hartford, Conn., married Alice M. Clough.

**G**EORGE W. HASLET, a prominent citizen of Hillsboro, was born in Boston, Mass., October 24, 1859, son of George and Eliza (Hamilton) Haslet. The father, who was born in Hallowell, Me., in early life learned the trade of architect and builder, and followed it in Hallowell and Portland for some time. About the year 1858 he went to Boston, and there spent the remainder of his life. He was engaged in the same business there, but retired from active occupation several years before his death. His wife, Eliza, was born in Searsport, Me., daughter of Richard Hamilton, of Hallowell, who was an officer in the Revolutionary War. All their children are living; namely, Hollis M., Mary J., Abbie C., Adelia E., and George W. The father, who was a very successful builder, erected some fine buildings in Boston. He was a Mason of the thirty-second degree, an original member of Boston Consistory, Scottish Rite, and he belonged to Boston Commandery, Knights Templars. In politics he was a Republican. He died at the age of sixty-four. His widow resides with her son at Hillsboro. She is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Somerville, Mass.

George W. Haslet attended school in Boston and Somerville, Mass. After completing his education he went to work for Rufus S. Frost & Co., dry-goods commission merchants of Boston, with whom he remained three years. In 1880 he went to Hillsboro, and accepted a position as book-keeper for the Hillsboro woollen-mill. After some time spent in that capacity he became the superintendent, which position he still occupies. The mill employs about one hundred and eighty hands,

and turns out woollen goods of all grades. Mr. Haslet is also interested in the First National Bank of Hillsboro, of which he is the vice-president.

In October, 1885, Mr. Haslet was married to Mary G. Dutton, of Hillsboro, who died in February, 1887. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the School Board and a trustee of the Fuller Public Library, and he was for six years the Fire Commissioner for the village. A thirty-second degree Mason, he belongs to Mount Horeb Commandery, Knights Templars, and is the secretary and a Past Master of Harmony Lodge of Hillsboro. In religion he is a Congregationalist. No man is more highly esteemed in Hillsboro.

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**S**ULLIVAN H. McCOLLESTER, D.D., a clergyman of the Universalist denomination, who has won honorable distinction as a preacher, an educator, a lecturer, and an author, was born in Marlboro, Cheshire County, N.H., where he now resides, December 18, 1826, son of Silas and Achsah (Holman) McCollester. His great-grandfather, Isaac McAllister (as the name was formerly spelled), was one of the original settlers of this town, and was the father of the first white child born here. There were twelve children in the parental family, ten of whom, seven daughters and three sons, grew to maturity. The daughters all married. One son, John Q. A. McCollester, M.D., is a prominent medical practitioner in Waltham, Mass.; and another, Sumner L., is a manufacturer in North Lawrence, N.Y.

A country lad, brought up on a farm, acquiring in the fields habits of industry and application, Sullivan Holman McCollester eagerly availed himself of the opportunities for study afforded by the winter schools of his native town, which fortunately were of a character to increase while they fed his passion for knowledge and his desire for thorough mental training; and, when he had mastered the different branches there taught, he continued to advance in the paths of learning by attending successively select schools and vari-

ous academies and seminaries, finally finishing his preparation for college at Melrose Seminary, Brattleboro, Vt. Genial and companionable, as well as ambitious and studious, he was a general favorite with teachers and fellow-pupils. At the age of eighteen, at Richmond, N.H., he began the work of his first profession, that of teaching, his pay being nine dollars per month. His next school was in Walpole, where he taught four winter terms. Entering Norwich (Vt.) University in the winter of 1847, he pursued the full classical course, and was graduated in 1851. To fit himself for the Christian ministry, he then spent two years as a student at the Cambridge Divinity School, pursuing his Greek under Professor Felton; and on leaving Cambridge he was for some time principal of the Walpole (N.H.) Academy.

In 1853, at Swanzey, N.H., where for five years he had charge of Mount Caesar Seminary, he began his career as a preacher of the gospel, founding two churches and laboring successfully in behalf of religion, morality, and education. During the next four years he was pastor of a Universalist Society at Westmoreland and one at West Chesterfield, where he awakened great religious interest, also teaching a select school a part of the time. His influence in the cause of education was greatly extended through his election to the office of School Commissioner for Cheshire County, which he held till 1859, and his appointment as president of the State Board of Commissioners, in which capacity he visited schools, delivered lectures, and held teachers' institutes. For eight years, beginning in April, 1861, Dr. McCollester was principal of Westbrook Seminary at Deering, Me.; but in this period he was obliged to take a respite from his twofold toils, which, together with the severity of the climate, had begun to impair his health. He accordingly, in company with his wife, made his first trip abroad, 1866-67, visiting Great Britain, Ireland, Belgium, France, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy. When he left Westbrook, it is said, "the school was the largest it has ever been, and also in the best financial condition, and the church founded there by him had grown to a

large and respectable religious body, so that, in connection with the seminary, the parish was strong enough to build a beautiful and commodious church edifice. During these years Dr. McCollester had wrought with fidelity, perseverance, and faithfulness in this field; and it was with the profoundest regrets of the trustees and friends of the seminary that his resignation was accepted."

For three years, beginning with the fall of 1869, he had pastoral charge of the Universalist church in Nashua, N.H., a happy and prosperous settlement, his connection with the society being regretfully severed that he might accept an urgent call to the presidency of Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio. Here, again, as teacher, preacher, organizer, he proved emphatically the right man in the right place, faithful and efficient. After six years of unwearied service as president of the new college, giving it a good start, he resigned his position on account of physical disability, and went abroad with his family. On his return, his health being far from firm, he settled on his farm, the old paternal homestead in Marlboro. His next ministerial labors were in Bellows Falls, Vt., where as a pioneer in the faith, working three years, he founded a strong church, and was instrumental in building an elegant church edifice, and in Dover, N.H., where in January, 1883, he began his labors to revive Universalism, resigning in October, 1885, having placed the church on a strong footing.

Dr. McCollester aided in the legislative act which provides for County School Boards, and aims not only to raise the general tone of all schools maintained at public expense, but, by the introduction and compulsory pursuit of such studies in the outlying schools as will place them upon a par with the graded schools of the cities, to enable their pupils to enter the high schools without further preparation. He was associated with Neal Dow in temperance work more than forty years ago, and has never relinquished his efforts in that direction. He delivered the first crusading temperance address ever heard in Akron, Ohio, in 1874, and joined the Reform Club of that city in their labors in the streets, halls, and

churches, at home and abroad. In politics he is a temperance Republican, and does not believe that a clergyman should refrain from publicly uttering his political convictions. As a member of the legislature in 1889, he was chairman of the Standing Committee on Education.

Dr. McCollester has been an extensive traveller, having made no less than five trips across the Atlantic, and has been once round the globe. He has visited the Far East and the Holy Land, has stood upon the site of Babylon and Nineveh, and took a six-hundred-mile journey down the Tigris River upon a raft made of inflated goatskins overlaid with sycamore timbers. While abroad he corresponded for the *Boston Journal*, the *Transcript*, the *Portland Transcript*, the *New Hampshire Sentinel*, the *Cheshire Republican*, the *Concord Monitor*, the *Dover Republican*, the *Detroit Free Press*, the *Chicago Universalist*, the *Gospel Banner*, and the *Christian Leader*. He is the author of "After Thoughts of Foreign Travel," "Babylon and Nineveh," "Around the Globe," and has just published a work entitled "Wonder-Land," a story of Mexico, Old and New. He has also written for the religious and educational journals and newspapers, and is kept constantly busy in supplying pulpits, delivering lectures, and officiating at weddings and funerals. Of the latter he has attended more than a thousand. His entire active period has been devoted to what he considers the most useful objects in life, and at present he is giving special attention to the improvement of the public schools in his native town and the establishment of a high school. He has in many ways witnessed the good results of his labors.

He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being connected with the Blue Lodge in Winchester, N.H.; the chapter in Portland, Me.; and Hugh de Payens Commandery, Knights Templars, of Keene. He was a member of the first lodge of Odd Fellows organized in Keene, and is also a member of the Independent Order of Good Templars and the Sons of Temperance.

"Dr. McCollester in his ministerial service," it has been well said, "has enjoyed a

marked degree of success. Wherever he has wrought in this direction, he has left rich fruits of consecrated efforts. It has seemed to be his lot to start new religious enterprises, to organize new elements, and stimulate them with love to God and man, having started and organized no less than five different churches, and aided or been instrumental in building five church edifices. As a preacher he is earnest, clear, and persuasive. His hearers feel his honesty and sincerity. He leaves no uncertainty as to his convictions and belief, which is in the widest Christian liberty. An able man, strong in mind, strong in self-control, strong in will, and strong in sympathy, true to all, without deceit or hypocrisy, he is loved most by those who know him best. In college and church he has proved himself a successful organizer and builder in mental and spiritual things. He has been, and is now, a power in the Universalist denomination."

Dr. McCollester married November 23, 1852, Sophia F. Knight, daughter of Joel Knight, of Dummerston, Vt. "Mrs. McCollester, a woman adorned with genial social qualities, quick sympathies, and all the graces of the true woman, has been a companion, helper, and comforter to her husband through all the labors and trials of their life. Of their five children only one survives, the Rev. S. Lee McCollester, who is also a Universalist clergyman," a graduate of Tufts College and Divinity School, and is now a successful and popular preacher, and pastor of the Church of Our Father, Detroit, Mich.

**R**AYMOND J. PIERCE was a highly esteemed resident of Brookline. Born in Lyndeboro, N.H., July 21, 1833, he was a son of James and Lucy (Wheeler) Pierce. His grandfather, Eleazar Pierce, was a prosperous farmer and lifelong resident of Hollis, N.H. James Pierce, who was born in Hollis, September 13, 1799, in his young manhood came to Brookline, where he followed the cooper's trade in connection with farming, and resided for the rest of his life. A man of admirable character, he stood high in the esteem of

the community. In politics he acted with the Democratic party. At his death, which occurred May 5, 1884, he was eighty-five years old. His wife, Lucy, whom he married July 31, 1828, was born March 2, 1805, daughter of Ebenezer Wheeler, of Brookline. She became the mother of four children, of whom two are living, namely: Cornelia, who is now the widow of James T. Willoby, late of Hollis, and has two children—Fred and Elsie; and Jennie, the wife of Bryant Wallace, of Nashua, N.H. Mrs. James Pierce died July 12, 1885, aged eighty years. She was a member of the Congregational church.

Raymond J. Pierce was educated in the schools of Lyndeboro and Brookline. After leaving school he learned the trade of a cooper, and subsequently followed it throughout the rest of his life. On April 8, 1858, he wedded Catherine A. Burge, who survives him. She was born in Brookline, December 28, 1833, daughter of John and Philomela (Bennett) Burge. [An account of her ancestry will be found in the biography of Payson Burge.] Mrs. Pierce is the mother of four children, born as follows: Nellie K., April 26, 1859; Emma A., September 10, 1860; Edward R., June 28, 1863; and Effa A., July 7, 1866.

Nellie K. Pierce married Arthur Winslow, a mason of Milford, N.H., and has had five children, namely: Wallace A., born August 29, 1885, who died May 14, 1889; Walter C., born in Milford, September 7, 1886; Warren A., born June 29, 1884; Waldo E., born September 7, 1893; and Marion A., born October 15, 1895. Emma A. Pierce, who is the wife of George G. Clarke, of Townsend, Mass., has four children, born as follows: Adabelle P., in Brookline, October 26, 1881; Helen G., in Brookline, September 7, 1883; Edith L., also in Brookline, July 19, 1885; and Arline C., in Townsend, June 21, 1896. Effa A. Pierce married Henry C. Hall, a native of Brookline, now a carpenter in Leominster, Mass. Her children were: Raymond H., born in Leominster, December 22, 1889, who died June 16, 1896; and Robert W., also a native of Leominster, born January 10, 1894, who died June 26, 1896, of

diphtheria. Edward R. Pierce is a prosperous farmer of Brookline and a prominent member of the grange. Mr. Raymond J. Pierce died at his home in this town, February 27, 1869, aged thirty-five years. Possessed of many manly characteristics, he was much esteemed in the community, and his untimely death was generally deplored. In politics he was a Republican, and he was a member of the Congregational church. Mrs. Pierce, who survives her husband, is also a member of the Congregational church, and has the sincere respect of all who enjoy the privilege of her acquaintance.

ALONZO A. WARE, whose portrait is here shown, late Supervisor of Public Schools in Swanzey, N.H., where he died February 8, 1895, was born in Swanzey, September 1, 1825. His parents were Jonathan D. and Alice (Hamblet) Ware. His father was born February 23, 1797, and was the son of Zenas Ware; and his mother was a daughter of Josiah Hamblet.

Jonathan D. Ware and Alice Hamblet were married November 30, 1824. They had four children, namely: Alonzo A., the subject of this sketch; Daniel H., born March 9, 1827, who died in 1857; Alice M., born May 30, 1829; and Mary L., born December 4, 1830. On October 20, 1858, Alice M. Ware was married to the Rev. E. S. Adams, of Gilsum, N.H.; and on August 31, 1854, Mary L. Ware was married to Franklin Downing. Jonathan D. Ware died October 23, 1876.

Developing at an early age a taste and capacity for learning, Alonzo A. Ware attended select schools in Swanzey, Keene, Troy, and Jaffrey, N.H., and at Saxton's River, Vt.; and, having completed his preparatory studies at Mount Cæsar Academy in his native town, he entered actively into educational work, and taught twenty-nine terms of school in various parts of Cheshire County. In 1852 he was appointed an official at the House of Correction in Boston, where he remained for a time, and whence he returned to the old home town Swanzey, where he always kept his residence. He resumed

school-teaching, but later turned his attention to civil engineering and legal business, such as the writing of deeds, wills, mortgages, the transfer of property, and the settlement of estates. His advice and counsel were sought for and followed by his fellow-townsmen, who had the highest estimation of his ability and integrity; and he acted as administrator of ninety-seven different estates. He was a member of the first Board of Trustees of the Winchester Security Savings Bank, and was elected its president in 1889. He was a ready and interesting writer upon a varied line of subjects, was the owner of a large private library, which absorbed the greater part of his leisure time, and he took a deep interest in the town library. As Deacon and superintendent of the Sunday-school of the Congregational church, he rendered much valuable aid in advancing the moral and religious welfare of the town. In 1872, 1873, and 1874 he was upon the Board of County Commissioners. For a number of years he was a Selectman, and it was during his twenty-fifth year as Supervisor of Public Schools that his death occurred suddenly, while attending to his official duties. A citizen of exceptional worth and influence, held in universal respect, his unexpected decease was a severe blow to the entire community.

Mr. Ware was twice married. His first wife, Julia A. Kingman, was born February 28, 1826, daughter of Eliphalet Kingman, of Winchester, and died March 6, 1892. She had been the mother of two children—Arthur K. Ware and Julia M. Ware, who both died of scarlet fever and were buried together. Mr. Ware's second wife, who survives him, was before marriage Marietta A. Newell. She was born in Alstead, March 15, 1854, daughter of Daniel P. and Betsey (Downing) Newell. Her father was born in the same town, February 13, 1814, and died July 12, 1878. Mr. Newell was an industrious and prosperous farmer, and was an active member of the Congregational church. His wife, Mrs. Betsey D. Newell, now living, was born in Marlow, N.H., February 26, 1817, daughter of James Downing, also of Marlow. She has had four children; namely, George F.;





GEORGE S. BUTLER.

Harlan A.; Hiram F.; and Marietta, who since the death of her husband, the late Alonzo A. Ware, resides in East Sullivan, N.H. Mrs. Ware was educated at the Marlow Academy, and for twenty-three years was a teacher in the public schools of this county. She attained a high reputation as an able instructor and disciplinarian, and her retirement from educational work was the cause of general regret.

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**M**AJOR GEORGE S. BUTLER, an enterprising lumber dealer of Pelham and an ex-member of the New Hampshire Senate, was born in this town, June 26, 1848, son of David and Mary Ann (Russell) Butler. The family is of English and Irish origin. John Butler (first), who was the first of the family to settle in Pelham, was born July 22, 1677, son of James Butler, of Lancaster, Mass. He established himself here in 1721, and died in 1756. By his wife, Elizabeth Wilson Butler, he became the father of John Butler (second), who was born June 22, 1706.

David Butler (first), son of the second John and great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Pelham, December 7, 1743. He served as an officer in the Revolutionary War, and was a member of the Assembly in 1780 and 1781. On June 20, 1772, he married Rebecca Chase. His son, Isaac Butler, the grandfather of George S., was born in Pelham, March 13, 1774. Isaac, who was a prosperous farmer and a lifelong resident of this town, married Nancy Chaplin, who was born in Lunenburg, Mass., October 13, 1786. His son, the second David Butler and the father of George S., was born in Pelham, December 16, 1809. He was for many years identified with the lumber and agricultural industries of Pelham, and was widely known in connection with the State militia, in which he held a Captain's commission. Originally a Whig in politics, he later became a Republican. He attended religious service at the Congregational church. When he died, April 10, 1885, he was seventy-six years old. His wife, Mary Ann, who was born in Carlisle,

Mass., October 3, 1804, died February 7, 1854.

Major George S. Butler carries on a profitable lumber business, is a well-known insurance agent, and also owns and cultivates a good farm. A Republican in politics, he is one of the most active leaders of his party in Pelham. He has served as chairman of the Board of Selectmen for two years, was Representative to the legislature in 1882 and 1883, and a member of the State Senate for the years 1889 and 1890. For the past seven years he has been the chairman of the Board of Education, also the Moderator, the chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Pelham Public Library, and a Justice of the Peace and Notary Public since 1883.

On June 24, 1874, Major Butler was joined in marriage with Abbie E. Spear. She was born in Rockland, Me., July 1, 1848, daughter of Harvey H. and Jane (Spofford) Spear. Her mother, the only surviving parent, resides in Pelham. Major and Mrs. Butler have had four children, namely: George E., born November 6, 1875, who died May 14, 1895; Bessie F., born June 4, 1877, who died July 3, 1878; Nettie G., born December 4, 1881; and Russell D., born June 22, 1884.

Major Butler is connected with Centreville Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Lowell, and is a member of the encampment and of the Patriarchs Militant. He has also membership in the Royal Arcanum, the Pilgrim Fathers, the Massachusetts Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and Pelham Grange, No. 244, Patrons of Husbandry. Major and Mrs. Butler attend the Congregational church. Major Butler has been connected with the latter society for twenty years, serving as chairman of its Board of Trustees and Assessors for the past five years.

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**M**ORRIS CHRISTIE, M.D., a well-known physician of Antrim, was born in this town, August 29, 1832, son of Josiah Warren and Mary (Bell) Christie. The grandfather, Samuel Christie, who was born in New Boston, N.H., in 1764, settled in Antrim in 1788,

and cleared a large tract of land for agricultural purposes. He tilled the soil energetically for the rest of his life, and for several years he kept the tavern in this town. He married Zibiah Warren, of New Boston, and had a family of eight children, all of whom are now deceased. His death occurred October 25, 1818, and that of his wife in 1813. Both were members of the Presbyterian church.

Josiah Warren Christie, Dr. Christie's father, was born in Antrim, November 6, 1793. When a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed to some extent; but the greater part of his time and attention was devoted to the care of his property. He was one of the prominent and influential citizens of Antrim in his day, and he served upon the Board of Selectmen in 1845. In politics he acted with the Democratic party, and he was an earnest advocate of temperance. On March 16, 1824, he married for his first wife Fanny Boyd, who bore him two children, neither of whom is living. On March 11, 1830, he wedded Mary Bell, a daughter of John Bell, of Antrim. She became the mother of two children, namely: Morris, the subject of this sketch; and Mary A., who is now the widow of Thomas B. Bradford, late of Francestown. Josiah W. Christie died April 30, 1862, and his second wife on March 4, 1890. She was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Morris Christie acquired his early education at the academies in Francestown, Washington, and Hopkinton, N.H. Subsequently he attended medical lectures at Dartmouth College, and was graduated from the University of New York City in 1859. The following year was spent at the Charity Hospital on Blackwell's Island, where he gained much practical experience. On May 1, 1860, he located for practice in Antrim. In the period of professional activity that has since elapsed, he has won a high reputation for skill and reliability, and acquired a large and lucrative practice.

On July 22, 1863, Dr. Christie was united in marriage with Susan S. Hill, of Johnson, Vt., a daughter of George W. Hill, who was a brother of ex-Governor Hill of New Hampshire. Mrs. Christie has had two children, one of whom died in infancy. The other,

George W., who was born August 5, 1868, died December 12, 1885. In politics Dr. Christie is a Democrat. He was for some time a member of the School Board, and was formerly a trustee of the water-works. Besides attending to his professional duties he has settled many estates, and has acted as a Justice of the Peace for the past fifteen years. Both he and Mrs. Christie are members of the Presbyterian church.



ILLIAM L. ROBINSON, an enterprising agriculturist of Mont Vernon, was born in this town, June 1, 1863, son of the late Jesse O. Robinson. His paternal grandfather, Jesse Robinson, many years ago came to Mont Vernon from Bedford, Mass., when a young man, and here became a landholder and a householder, identifying himself with the industrious farmers of the community.

Jesse O. Robinson spent his entire life in Mont Vernon, receiving his education in the public schools. From early manhood farming and lumbering were his principal occupations. Endowed with the thrifty and economical habits characteristic of the New England people, he acquired considerable property. He died in November, 1887. As a man and as a citizen he was held in high regard by his neighbors and friends, who never questioned his integrity or doubted his word. He was a Republican in politics and a member of the Congregational church of Amherst. His wife, in maidenhood Laura Frye, was born in Vermont, May 14, 1824. She still continues her residence on the homestead where she and her husband passed so many happy years of peace and contentment. Of their children four are now living, namely: George A., of Marlboro, Mass.; Helen E., of Amherst, N.H.; William L., the subject of this biography; and Jennie B., who resides with her mother and brother on the old home farm.

William L. Robinson was reared on the homestead, acquiring his education in Mont Vernon, having first attended the district school and later the McCollom Institute. Having paid good heed to the parental instruc-

tions given him in agriculture during his youthful days, he obtained a practical knowledge of its different branches, and on the death of his father was competent to assume the management of the family estate. Since then he has successfully carried on general farming, lumbering, and dairying. His farm of three hundred acres is considered one of the finest in this vicinity. He takes an intelligent interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of his town. In March, 1896, he was chosen Selectman for a year, having been the Republican candidate for that important office.

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**A**LVAN W. BALL, formerly an enterprising manufacturer of Winchester, was born in Warwick, Mass., December 12, 1818. At the age of thirteen years he came to Winchester for the purpose of taking employment in the store of his brother, David Ball, in the village of Ashuelot. In 1840 he became a partner in the business. Both he and his brother were engaged in mercantile business in connection with the manufacture of tubs and pails until 1858. Then they dissolved partnership, and Alvan W. conducted the enterprise alone until 1866. He then became associated in business with Wright Wood, and was also a member of the firm of Ball, Pratt & Turner, manufacturers of Union beaver cloths. Selling out his interest in the last-named firm in 1873, he established the firm of Ball & Scott, manufacturers of cotton warp and fancy cloths. Some time later he disposed of his various business interests, and passed the rest of his life in retirement. His last days were spent upon the Capron farm, which he cultivated as a means of keeping himself busy. He died September 9, 1885, in his sixty-seventh year, regretted as a severe loss to the community. He was public-spirited and progressive. He helped in many ways to develop the industrial resources of the town. Politically, he acted with the Republican party, and he ably represented this district in the legislature for a number of terms. While one of the pillars of the Universalist church, he donated the ground for the Catholic church in Ashuelot. He was

one of the directors of the old public library. The worthy poor and other deserving objects were frequently benefited by his benevolence.

In 1845 Mr. Ball was first wedded to Jane Capron, who became the mother of one son, John P. Ball. His second marriage was contracted on December 20, 1857, with Mrs. Mary E. Emerson Ramsdell, a daughter of Daniel I. Emerson. By her former marriage she had one daughter — Ella M., who married W. D. Ripley. By Mr. Ball she had two children, namely: Benjamin Franklin, born January 10, 1861, who died April 16, 1864; and Florence E. Florence married Fred Emes Carpenter, a son of Joseph and Elmira (Martin) Carpenter. An active and promising young business man, he died September 24, 1888. John P. Ball, Mr. Ball's son by his first wife, began life as a clerk for Wright Wood. In 1877 he became associated with J. E. Felch in conducting a general store in Ashuelot. Seven years later he went to Ansonia, Conn., where he was for a time engaged in the hardware business with his brother-in-law, Fred E. Carpenter. Then, returning to Winchester, he became a member of the firm of Taylor & Ball, who continued in business for a year and a half. In February, 1889, W. D. Ripley purchased Mr. Taylor's interest; and the firm of Ball & Ripley have since carried on a flourishing wholesale and retail business, dealing in flour, grain, feed, hardware, groceries, paints, oils, etc. John P. Ball married Miss M. B. Clark, a daughter of Eli Clark, of Roxbury, N.H., and has two children — Sylvia and Katherine. Mrs. Alvan W. Ball and her daughter, Mrs. Carpenter, reside together and occupy a handsome residence in the village.

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**F**RANK AMIDON, an extensive lumber manufacturer of Richmond, was born in this town, June 10, 1830, son of Cyril and Adeline (Weeks) Amidon. The grandfather, Jeremiah Amidon, who was born March 31, 1780, moved in 1816 from Uxbridge, Mass., to Swanzey, N.H., whence in 1819 he came to Richmond. His occupation was farming, and in 1831 he bought the Simon

Cook place. He married Abigail Harwood, who was born March 30, 1781, and by her became the father of three sons and three daughters. His death occurred December 14, 1865, and that of his wife on August 16, 1871.

Cyril Amidon, who was born April 2, 1812, learned the cooper's trade, which he has since followed. Also, for many years he was engaged in the manufacture of hogsheads for molasses and sugar. In politics he is a Democrat, and he served as Tax Collector for many years. His wife, Adeline, whom he married November 27, 1834, was a daughter of Richard Weeks. She became the mother of six children, namely: Alonzo, born August 16, 1835, who died January 16, 1838; Frank, the subject of this sketch; Andrew, born February 14, 1840; Julia, born July 4, 1843; Henry, born April 28, 1845; and Estella, born August 20, 1850, who died September 21, 1867. Mrs. Cyril Amidon died October 27, 1895.

After leaving the common schools, Frank Amidon assisted his father in the manufacture of hogsheads for some time. Subsequently entering the lumber business, he soon became an extensive manufacturer, and has been engaged in it since. His practice is to transport his machinery to the scene of his logging operations, where the timber is sawed into building materials and box stock. In this way he cuts an average of two and one-half million feet annually, including spruce, ash, beech, birch, and maple, a large amount of which is supplied to box manufacturers. He employs a large number of men and horses, and during the last seven or eight years his output has been steadily increasing in spite of the business depression. His business constitutes an important industry in Richmond. He is also interested in the Winchester Savings Bank, of which he is a director. Politically, he acts with the Democratic party. Excepting the period during which he was Road Agent, his enterprises have prevented him from taking any active part in public affairs. He is connected with the local grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

Mr. Amidon's first marriage was contracted with Hattie J. Whipple, a daughter of Silas

and a grand-daughter of Otis Whipple. Born of that union are two daughters, namely: Inez, the wife of Andrew Lyman; and Emma E., who is also married. The mother died in 1876. A second marriage on November 14, 1881, united Mr. Amidon with Lydia Barrus, a daughter of Alvah Barrus, and a successful school-teacher. The present Mrs. Amidon has had two children—Evelyn and Clifton F. The latter died at the age of two years.

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**F**RDERICK T. SAWYER, the Treasurer of the town of Milford and the cashier of the Souhegan National Bank, was born May 13, 1819, in Bradford, Merrimack County, N.H. It is supposed that he is of German extraction. His father, Jabez Sawyer, who was born in Salem, Mass., married Miss Hannah Emerson, of Newbury, Mass., and settled in Bradford, this State, where both he and his wife, the mother of Frederick T., spent their remaining years.

Frederick T. Sawyer grew to man's estate in his native town, where he started in life on his own account as clerk in a general store. In 1840 he went to Nashua, N.H., being there engaged in a similar capacity for a number of years. Subsequently, forming a copartnership with a Mr. Roby, under the style of Roby & Sawyer, he established himself in business in Chelmsford, Mass., as a manufacturer of scythes. In 1854 Mr. Sawyer came to Milford, and was there employed for two years in the capacity of station agent on the Nashua & Lowell Railroad. Then, in company with the late William R. Wallace, he opened a store for the sale of general merchandise, where they had a thriving business for some years under the firm name of Wallace & Sawyer. On the dissolution of this firm Mr. Sawyer was appointed cashier of the Souhegan National Bank, an office which he has since filled with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the bank officials. He has also been a director of the bank for a long time. Since 1872 he has been treasurer of the town of Milford, an office for which he has proved himself well fitted. In politics he is a strong advocate of the principles of the Republican

party, and in 1864 and 1865 he represented Milford in the State legislature. For many years he has been Notary Public, and he has likewise served as Justice of the Peace.

In December, 1859, Mr. Sawyer married Miss Sarah Lovejoy, of Amherst, N.H. Their children are: Bertha C., who is the wife of Professor D. S. Blanpied, a teacher of music in the Vermont Seminary at Montpelier, Vt.; Frederick W., the assistant cashier in the Souhegan National Bank; Chester A., a resident of Milford; and Gertrude, who is a kindergarten teacher in Brooklyn, N.Y.

**M**OSES LOVEJOY was formerly one of Wilton's thrifty farmers. Born in this town, December 27, 1807, son of Moses and Nancy (Tarbell)

Lovejoy, he was a grandson of Moses Lovejoy (first), an early settler of Wilton, who there converted a tract of wild land into a good farm, and with his wife, Dorcas Holt Lovejoy, reared a family of five children. The second Moses Lovejoy, who was a lifelong resident of Wilton, profitably tilled the soil during his active years, thereby acquiring considerable property. An upright, conscientious man, his death in 1846 was mourned by all who knew him. His wife, Nancy Tarbell Lovejoy, a daughter of Samuel Tarbell, of Mason, N.H., became the mother of four children, all of whom are now deceased.

The third Moses Lovejoy, and the subject of this sketch, was the eldest child of his parents. He was reared to agriculture, which was his occupation through life. When fourteen years of age he took charge of the homestead, which now consists of five hundred acres, and resided there until 1842. He then sold the property and moved to the farm of one hundred acres now occupied by Mrs. Lovejoy, and there continued to carry on general farming for many years. In politics he was a Democrat, and he served with ability as a member of the Board of Selectmen for eight years. The captain of a mounted company in this town, he took a lively interest in military affairs for many years. His religious belief was that of the Baptist denomination.

On October 2, 1838, Mr. Lovejoy was united in marriage with Lucy C. Gray, who was born in Wilton, daughter of Henry and Susan (Merrill) Gray. Mrs. Lovejoy has had six children, of whom Lucy A., Abbie N., Susan Ella, and Ida N. attained maturity. Lucy married George Parkhurst, of Wilton, and died leaving three children—Samuel, Francis A., and Angie. Abbie N. was the wife of N. H. Whitney, of Fitchburg, Mass. Her children are: Lucy M. A., who married Edmund M. Purdy, of Wilton, and has three children—Moses M., Margaret A., and Manning W.; and Harry H., who married Anna Coffin, of Townsend, Mass., and has one daughter—Hazel G. Susan Ella died June 23, 1870. Ida N. Lovejoy became the wife of E. W. Major, and died leaving one son, Charles W.

Mr. Lovejoy, the subject of this sketch, died February 9, 1891, at the age of eighty-three years, leaving his widow in comfortable circumstances. While Mrs. Lovejoy has had the misfortune to lose all her children, she is surrounded by loving friends who regard her with the most sincere affection.

**E**ZRA M. GAY, JR., a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Milford, was born December 12, 1836, in Hookset, Merrimack County, this State, coming from honored Massachusetts ancestry. On both the paternal and maternal sides he is of Revolutionary stock, several members of the Gay family having been among the heroes of the Revolutionary War; while Dr. Mann, who won fame as a soldier in the glorious struggle of the colonies, was his great-uncle, having been a brother of his father's mother.

Ezra M. Gay, Sr., a native of Wrentham, Mass., was practically thrown upon his own resources at the age of seven years. Beginning at the age of fourteen, he served an apprenticeship of seven years to the trades of carpenter and machinist. Subsequently for a long period he was employed at the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company's mills at Manchester, this State. Later, in company with Major George Daniels, he had charge of the

cotton-mill in Milford that is now owned and managed by the Morse & Kaley Manufacturing Company. His connection with this factory lasted until his health gave out and he was forced to resign. Thenceforth he lived in retirement until his death, which occurred in 1889, the ninetieth year of his age. A man of sterling integrity, he was highly respected. Though often importuned to accept local offices of trust, he steadily declined. In politics he was at first a Whig. He joined the Republican party at its formation, and thereafter was one of its most faithful adherents. He married Miss Clarissa Farley, who, it is supposed, was born in Hollis, this county, and who died in 1876. Their only child is the subject of this sketch.

Ezra M. Gay, Jr., has lived in Milford since his infancy, his parents having settled here in 1837. After obtaining the rudiments of knowledge in Milford, his education was completed at Appleton's Academy in New Ipswich, N.H. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party, having never swerved from the principles in which he was reared.

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**E**BEN C. TOLMAN, an enterprising business man of Nelson and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, December 6, 1831, son of Cyrus and Lucy (Abbott) Tolman. His grandfather, Ebenezer Tolman, who was a native of Fitzwilliam, N.H., participated in the battle of Bunker Hill, and served elsewhere, under General Arnold, in the War of Independence. Ebenezer afterward settled upon a farm in Nelson, arriving here June 3, 1793; and the rest of his life was spent in this town. The maiden name of his wife was Clark, and his children were: Ebenezer, George, Betsey, Cynthia, William, Cyrus, and Mary.

Cyrus Tolman, the father of Eben C., was born in Nelson in the year 1800. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits from an early age, and was a member of the Congregational church. His wife, Lucy, who was born in Tyngsboro, Mass., August 15, 1797, daughter of Nathaniel Abbott, became the mother of

five children—Eben C., Mary E., Melancey E., Lucy M., and Orson C. Mary E. married Lyman A. Tenney, and lives in Autrim, N.H. Melancey E. died at the age of two years. Lucy M., who married George W. Osgood, of this town, is now deceased. Orson C., a veteran of the Civil War, and the owner of a farm in Nelson, has served upon the Board of Selectmen, was Supervisor for a time, is a comrade of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and a member of the Congregational church. He married Emily Parker, of Manchester, N.H., and has three children. Cyrus Tolman died in 1857, and his wife on November 5, 1864.

Eben C. Tolman was engaged in the manufacture of clothes-pins and other articles for a number of years. Since then he has been quite extensively occupied in lumbering in addition to conducting a farm. He served with ability as a Selectman and Moderator at Town Meetings for a number of years, and he was elected to the legislature in 1879. An energetic and progressive business man, he takes a deep interest in the town's welfare. He is connected with the local grange.

Mr. Tolman married Ellen J. Rugg, who was born in Sullivan, N.H., May 17, 1836, daughter of Martin Rugg. Mrs. Tolman previous to her marriage was a successful school teacher for several years, and held the responsible office of superintendent of schools in this town. She is the mother of two children, namely: Ellen Gertrude, born May 14, 1862; and Wilmer C., born April 18, 1870. Ellen Gertrude married Henry Corey, a manufacturer of Springfield, Mass., and has two children—Kenneth Tolman Corey and Donald Clark Corey. Wilmer C., who resides at home, married Etta M. Milton, daughter of William Milton, of Hampton Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Tolman attend the Congregational church.

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**J**OHN T. ELLSWORTH, who was a prosperous farmer and a highly esteemed resident of Peterboro, was born in Brookline, Mass., April 23, 1820, son of John and Lucretia (Thayer) Ellsworth. His father, a native of Pownal, Vt.,

born May 17, 1777, was for many years engaged in general farming in Hardwick, Mass. John Ellsworth afterward moved from the latter town to Barre, and later to Worcester, Mass., where he died April 30, 1862. His wife, who, born in Pownal, Vt., July 29, 1787, died in Barre, January 9, 1856, was the mother of nine children, none of whom are living.

John T. Ellsworth acquired a good practical education. When a young man, he worked at mattress-making in Rochester, N.Y. Later he attempted to learn the machinist's trade in Chicopee, Mass., but was prevented by feeble health from completing his apprenticeship. He then engaged in agricultural pursuits in Hardwick, where he resided for some years. From Hardwick he moved to Barre, where he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, and was thereafter engaged in agriculture for thirty years. In 1888 he came to Peterboro and purchased a valuable piece of agricultural property, containing two hundred and eighty acres. This he managed for the rest of his life, which terminated at his home in Peterboro, October 1, 1894, when he was over seventy-four years old. Intelligent, progressive, and an industrious man, he acquired a good estate. He was a regular attendant of the Congregational church, and aided liberally in its support. In politics he acted with the Republican party.

The first of Mr. Ellsworth's two marriages was contracted May 1, 1849, with Maria Lawrence, daughter of Moses Lawrence, of Hardwick, Mass. She had three children, of whom one died in infancy. The others are: Emory A., born August 3, 1852; and John E., born in Hardwick, June 21, 1854. Emory A. Ellsworth, who graduated from the Massachusetts Agricultural College in the class of 1871, and is now a civil engineer and architect in Holyoke, Mass., married Lucy Bradford, of Florence, Mass., and has three children—Edith, Frank, and Henry. John E. Ellsworth, who attended school in Barre, has given his attention to farming. He assisted his father while he lived, and is now managing the property with ability. On March 16, 1886, he married Susie T. Haire, daughter of Bar-

tholomew Haire, of Barre, and has three children, namely: John T., born August 12, 1887; Edna J., born February 26, 1890; and Laurence E., born November 27, 1892. Both parents are connected with Peterboro Grange, and are members of the Congregational church. Mrs. Maria Ellsworth died September 15, 1856. Her husband's second marriage was made June 30, 1858, with Emma M. Fales, of Petersham, Mass. The widow, who resides at the homestead in Peterboro, is highly esteemed in the community. She is an active member of the Congregational church.



**W**ARREN E. FOSTER, a rising young business man of Wilton, Hillsboro County, was born in Milford, N.H., July 1, 1867, son of Samuel K. and Hattie E. (Hood) Needham Foster. His grandparents were Isaac and Jane (Allds) Foster, the former of whom was a prosperous farmer of Mont Vernon, N.H. Isaac Foster died April 10, 1872, aged eighty-one years, and his wife, February 9, 1874, aged seventy-two years. They were the parents of five children, of whom Samuel K. was the youngest. The only survivor is Harriet J., widow of John Goss, late of Milford, N.H., and the mother of six children—Clara, Ella, Frank, John, George, and Adelaide.

Samuel K. Foster, father of Warren E., was born in Nashua, N.H. He learned the stove and plumbing business in Milford, and carried it on for a short time in that town. Removing in 1867 to Wilton, he here conducted a large and profitable enterprise in that line for the rest of his life. He died November 20, 1892, aged fifty-four years. He was an industrious and progressive business man, and well liked personally, winning the esteem of all with whom he came in contact. In politics he was a Democrat. His wife, Hattie, who is a daughter of Jeremiah Hood, of Billerica, Mass., was first married to Lucius R. Needham, now deceased. She became the mother of five children by her second husband, of whom four are living, namely: Warren E., the subject of this sketch; Eugene

S.; Fred K.; and Hattie L. Eugene S. wedded Maud L. French, of Wilton, and his children are: Leo R. and Grace E. Fred K. married Bertha Allshaw, of Lowell, Mass., and has one son, Byron. Hattie L. is the wife of John H. Peterson, of Wilton. Mrs. Samuel K. Foster is still living, and resides in Wilton. She attends the Unitarian church.

Warren E. Foster began his education in the schools of Wilton, and completed his studies at the Mont Vernon Academy in 1886. He learned the plumber's trade of his father, and since 1892 has carried on the business upon his own account. He deals in stoves, tinware, hardware, and similar articles, and does all kinds of plumbing and repairing. On June 12, 1894, Mr. Foster was joined in marriage with Ethel J. Bailey, daughter of Freeman Bailey, of Wilton. Politically, Mr. Foster is a Democrat. He is Supervisor of the Check List, and has served as Town Clerk since 1892. He is connected with Laurel Lodge, No. 78, I. O. O. F., of which he was treasurer for two years, and he was for three years secretary of the Order of Pilgrim Fathers. He and his wife attend the Unitarian church.

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**C**HARLES D. HOLT, one of the present Representatives of Milford, in the lower house of the State legisla-

ture, and a member of the firm of Holt Brothers, retail dealers in meats and provisions, is a native of Wilton, N.H. Born November 29, 1857, he is a son of James H. and Nancy (Pierce) Holt, the former a native of Temple, N.H., and the latter of Jaffrey, N.H. The genealogy of the Holt family is traced to one of three brothers of that name who came from England, and settled in Andover, Mass. James H. Holt was prominent in the local grange. After residing for a time in Temple, N.H., he settled in Wilton in 1863, and there was engaged in farming and manufacturing until his death on December 11, 1894. Of his five children three are living — Nathaniel K., Charles D., and Emma R. Emma is the wife of J. Edward Taylor, of

New Ipswich, N.H. The others were: Samuel P., who served in the Civil War with Company A, Fourteenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, was wounded at the battle of Cedar Creek, and died from the effects of the wound; and James A., who became prominent in Wilton, was a self-made man, and a Deacon of the Baptist church at Wilton Centre.

Charles D. Holt was brought up in his native town, receiving his education mainly in the Wilton public schools. Afterward for six years he was an employee of Haywood Brothers & Co., chair manufacturers at Gardner, Mass. He then came to Milford, N.H.; and on February 1, 1887, he and his brother purchased the meat business of E. F. Trow & Son. Since that time the store has been very successfully conducted under the firm name of Holt Brothers.

In politics Mr. Holt is a Republican. On November 3, 1896, he was elected Representative from Milford to the State legislature. He is a member of the Odd Fellows of Milford and an attendant at the Baptist church. His residence is at 47 Elm Street. The place was purchased by him in the fall of 1887 from S. B. Emerson, formerly a resident of Milford. By energy and fidelity in business he has acquired the confidence of the community. Thoroughly alive to the interests of his town, all progressive movements receive his sympathy and support.

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**D**AVID L. DANIELS, of Milford, the senior member of the well-known firm D. L. Daniels & Co., granite and marble monument makers and dealers, was born December 28, 1863, in London, England, son of John and Sarah (Harris) Daniels. The father, with his wife, emigrated in 1871 to the Province of Quebec, Canada, where he afterward followed the occupations of carpenter and farmer.

Until he was twenty years old Mr. Daniels remained in Canada, obtaining his education in the common schools. In 1883 he came to the States, locating at first in Lowell, Mass., where he learned the trade of a granite

cutter, remaining there until 1890. Then he removed to Milford, and started in business for himself. On January 1, 1896, the present firm of D. L. Daniels & Co. was organized. Since then both the wholesale and retail trade of this wide-awake firm has greatly increased, being now one of the most lucrative in the vicinity. An average of ten men are kept busily employed in filling orders from all parts of the State, where their goods meet with a ready sale.

Mr. Daniels is a thirty-second degree Mason. He is also an Odd Fellow and a member of other local orders. In politics he is a steadfast Republican. He and Mrs. Daniels are the parents of one child, H. Gertrude Daniels, now four years old.

**E**DWARD ALEXANDER, of Winchester, who was a railroad station agent here for more than forty years, and at one time a member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born September 6, 1814, in the house where he now resides. A son of Luther and Eunice (Ripley) Alexander, he is a descendant in the seventh generation from the founder of the family, John Alexander. This ancestor, who prior to 1644 emigrated from Scotland to Windsor, Conn., brought with him his three sons—George, John, and Thomas. George Alexander settled in Northampton, Mass., in 1673. His son John, who was born in 1645, and accompanied his father to Northampton, at a later date located in Northfield, Mass. Ebenezer Alexander (first), son of John, born in Northfield in 1684, was prominent in both civil and military affairs, and became noted as a soldier under Sir William Pepperell and Governor Shirley. He served as Ensign under Captain Thomas Wells and as Lieutenant under Captain Benjamin Wright, in the expedition against Cape Breton. For gallant conduct displayed at the capture of Louisburg he was commissioned Captain by Sir William Pepperell. He accompanied Governor Shirley's expedition to Canada, and when sixty-four years old he led a company of rangers through the woods in search of Indians. For a period of forty years

he was a Deacon of the church in Northfield. On October 10, 1709, he married Mehitable Buck, with whom he lived happily for fifty-seven years. He died January 22, 1768, and his wife on March 6, 1767, aged eighty-three years.

Ebenezer Alexander (second), great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Northfield in 1714. In company with several other pioneers he came to the valley of the Ashuelot in 1734, and established a settlement. When a log meeting-house was erected in 1735, he was made the first Deacon. The entire settlement, including the meeting-house, was burned in 1745. In 1737 Deacon Alexander was united in marriage with Abigail Rockwood, whose children by him were: Abigail, born July 20, 1738, who died May 19, 1739; Reuben, born February 17, 1740; Asa, born October 7, 1742, who died November 4, 1811; Abigail (second), born August 30, 1745, who died in 1806; John, born August 29, 1748, who died December 6 of the same year; and Ann, born July 12, 1753, who died in 1776. Deacon Alexander died July 29, 1788, and his wife on March 27 of the same year. Reuben Alexander, Edward Alexander's grandfather, was a native of Winchester. He was a Selectman in 1773, took the census of Winchester in 1775, was a Representative to the General Court in 1776, and he also acted as a Justice of the Peace. He served as Captain in Colonel Samuel Ashley's regiment, which marched from Cheshire County at the request of Major-general Gates, to re-enforce the American army at Ticonderoga. At a later date he held the rank of Colonel. He died May 19, 1811. In 1764 he married Sarah Foster. His children were: Caleb, born May 19, 1765, who died April 14, 1838; Sarah, born June 26, 1767, who died November 27, 1801; Miriam, born September 2, 1771, who died October 3, 1809; Edward, born December 22, 1773, who died October 10, 1806; Foster, born July 3, 1775, who died August 2, 1841; Luther, born July 1, 1778; Elijah, born February 21, 1782, who died May 13, 1860; and another child, who died in infancy. Foster Alexander, who became a prominent

lawyer, erected in 1803 the house in which the subject of this sketch now resides, and afterward sold it to his brother Luther.

Luther Alexander, who was born and reared in Winchester, when a young man engaged in trade. He was for a time associated with John Capron in the manufacture of linseed oil at Ashuelot, and later carried on a potash factory upon the ground now occupied by the tannery. He was Captain of the first military company organized in Winchester, and the ground in front of his house was used to drill his command. When he died, August 1, 1821, he was forty-three years old. His wife, Eunice, whom he married May 12, 1805, became the mother of four children, namely: George, born February 26, 1806, who was drowned at sea, February 13, 1824; Sarah, born March 5, 1808, who died April 4, 1810; Edward, the subject of this sketch; and Luther, born January 31, 1819, who died May 4, 1829.

Edward Alexander was educated in the schools of Winchester. For some time after the completion of his studies he was employed as a clerk in a grocery store in Swanzey. Upon his return to his native town he engaged in mercantile business for himself, and later became associated with his brother-in-law, John G. Capron, in running a line of freight boats between Hartford and the towns along the Connecticut River. That firm, which was known as Capron & Alexander, continued to transport merchandise until the building of the railroad, when they went out of business. For the next few years Mr. Alexander was engaged in the lumber trade. When the Ashuelot Railway was completed, he was appointed station agent in Winchester, a position which he held from 1851 to 1894. At the age of eighty years he retired from active business pursuits. In politics he followed the majority of the Whigs into the ranks of the Republican party, which he has since consistently supported, excepting the occasion when he voted for Horace Greeley in 1872. He served as a member of the Board of Selectmen for fourteen years in all, and was the chairman for a large share of the time. While filling that office during the Civil War, his duties

were both numerous and exacting. He was Town Treasurer for three years, and he ably represented his district in the legislature for two terms. He was a trustee of the Ashuelot Savings Bank during its existence and one of the incorporators of the Security Savings Bank. He is connected with the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he is the oldest living member of the Universalist Society in Winchester.

On October 9, 1839, Mr. Alexander was joined in marriage with Lucy M. Capron, who was born August 19, 1817, and was a sister of John G. Capron, his former business associate. Mrs. Alexander became the mother of three children, born as follows: George E., June 18, 1844; Jane Grace, October 26, 1848; and Eugene L., May 26, 1853. George E. is now head carpenter at the Boston City Hospital, and has charge of all repairs at that institution. Eugene L. resides upon the home farm, and is engaged in farming and the milk business. Mrs. Alexander died January 19, 1896.

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**M**ISS JANE GRACE ALEXANDER, of Winchester, N.H., known as being the first woman in the United States to be appointed treasurer of a bank, was born in Winchester on October 26, 1848. She was educated in the public schools of her native town, and subsequently became a successful teacher.

Early in life she began to assist her father at keeping books, and later assumed the active management of his affairs. Her work for her father was so efficient that it brought recognition from the cashier of the Winchester National Bank; and in 1871 she entered the bank as book-keeper, and gradually assumed the position of assistant cashier, which office she has since held. Her ability, good judgment, and integrity gained for her the confidence of the bank officials to such a degree that in 1881 she was elected treasurer of Winchester Security Savings Bank; and she has held that position to the present time, ably doing the duties which come to her, and commanding the respect of those with whom she works.

In the town Miss Alexander is looked up to

as a leader in various lines. She is a member of the Universalist church, and has for fifteen years been superintendent of the Universalist Sunday-school. In this work she takes a deep interest, believing that her duties as superintendent should be performed in as prompt and business-like a manner as those of her official position at the bank. In all church matters she takes a leading part, and is always ready with contributions of time and money, as well as with counsel and timely suggestion. Naturally gifted with leadership qualities, Miss Alexander is generally appealed to for moral support for any movement that needs the help of a powerful hand to push it along. She is a trustee and treasurer of the public library and treasurer of the school district. She belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star, and was the first Worthy Matron of Electa Chapter of Winchester. As her life has been largely occupied with business pursuits, Miss Alexander has developed a self-reliance and strength of character which many women do not possess; but she has at the same time preserved other admirable qualities, being sympathetic and tender-hearted and devoted to her home and to home ties.

The Alexander homestead is one of the landmarks of Winchester. The dwelling is a large old-fashioned house built in the Colonial style, set on a smooth lawn several rods back from the main street; and many beautiful old maples arch over the winding carriage drive. Across the road, with no houses between to cut off the view, flows the Ashuelot River, its banks guarded by a row of majestic pines. Inside the house are many interesting relics and antiquities. There are fireplaces with wood jambs, carved by hand in the style of the past century; and above one of these there is a painting on the wall, which some ruthless hand has covered with modern house paper. There is a piano whose yellow keys and cracked tone show that it was old when our mothers were young. But the most interesting article of all is an old-fashioned secretary that has been in the family for one hundred years, and evidently has a history.

One day while Miss Alexander's mother was dusting this heirloom after it had been re-

turned from a cabinet-maker's shop, where it had been sent for repairs, she noticed what seemed to her a slight difference in the look of its internal arrangements, and upon closer examination discovered a secret drawer which had been so deftly constructed as to escape all previous observation, the dust of years having covered the two pins that served as fastenings. These pins she removed; and the drawer, being opened, disclosed seventy-five dollars in gold, which had been so long undisturbed that their weight had imprinted into the wood bottom of the drawer their exact size and many of their most salient mint features. The coins were American half-eagles, and eagles as fresh as though just from the mint, and bore dates from 1795 to 1814. Who of Miss Alexander's ancestors made use of this secret receptacle is unknown, and is in all probability to remain so. Miss Alexander's father, Edward Alexander, a capable and intelligent gentleman eighty-four years of age, who has always resided at the old family homestead, never heard even in the remotest manner a suggestion as to anything of a secret character attaching to this or any other article of his parents' household furniture.

**H**OLLIS F. TOWNE, the proprietor of the largest general store in Marlboro, was born in Stoddard, N.H., December 3, 1857, son of Frank and Ann M. (Thompson) Towne. His grandfather, Ebenezer Towne, was a prosperous farmer and a highly respected resident of Stoddard. He was the father of five children; namely, Hollis, Frank, Sylvia, Lucy, and another child who died in infancy.

Frank Towne, a native of Stoddard, born in 1823, after following the trade of a stone mason in Boston for some time, returned to Stoddard, and was there engaged in farming for the rest of his life. His honorable, upright character gained for him the esteem and confidence of his fellow-townersmen; and his death, which occurred at Sunapee, N.H., May 4, 1876, was sincerely regretted by the entire community. He was a member of the Christian church. Annie M. Thompson Towne, his first wife,

who died August 19, 1869, was a daughter of Nathaniel Thompson, of Stoddard. She had three children -- Cynthia A., Hattie F., and Hollis F. The second wife, whose maiden name was Martha Whittemore, had two children, namely: Lilla, who resided in Sunapee; and Myrtie, who died after her marriage, leaving two children. Cynthia married John Whipple, a well-to-do farmer of Sunapee, and had two children — Annie and William. Hattie F. married Perley W. Fox, of Marlow, and died, also leaving two children — Emma and Carl.

Hollis F. Towne acquired his education in Stoddard. After leaving school he was for a time engaged in scythe-making, and then worked at the carpenter's trade. Subsequently he purchased his present store in Marlow, and is now conducting the largest general mercantile establishment in Cheshire County outside of Keene. He was Road Agent for a time. He is now Town Treasurer.

In 1881 Mr. Towne married Luetta J. Lowell. She was born March 27, 1862, daughter of Romulus Lowell, who came of a highly reputable family in Marlow, and died August 28, 1890. Mrs. Towne was educated at the academy. She is a fashionable and artistic milliner, and carries on a profitable business in Marlow and Gilsum. Mr. and Mrs. Towne have one daughter — Winifred E., born in Stockbridge, Vt., August 14, 1883, who is now attending the high school in Rutland, Vt. She is a particularly bright and lovable girl and a good scholar. She is highly esteemed by her teachers and schoolmates. Mr. Towne is a prominent Odd Fellow, and is active in the Patrons of Husbandry.



**H**ENRY N. GRAY, of Wilton, was born in this town, January 4, 1827, son of Calvin and Clarissa (King) Gray. The great-grandfather, Timothy Gray, who was born in Andover, Mass., in 1719, came to Wilton as a pioneer, and there cleared a farm. He was a sturdy and highly respected citizen, and acted as a Deacon of the Unitarian church. Joseph Gray, the grandfather, who was born in Wilton in

1761, at the age of sixteen enlisted in the Third New Hampshire Regiment, was present at the siege of Ticonderoga, and served in the Revolutionary War until its close. After the cessation of hostilities he returned to Wilton, where he was engaged in farming for the rest of his active period, and died in 1846. He married Chloe Abbott, a daughter of Jeremiah Abbott. By her he was the father of thirteen children, all now deceased. He was a member of the Unitarian church.

Calvin Gray, the seventh child of Joseph, was born in Wilton, October 28, 1801. After learning the blacksmith's trade, he followed it at what is known as Gray's Corner until his death, which occurred December 15, 1856. He was a hard-working man. In politics originally a Whig, he later became a Republican. He served in the State militia as Adjutant of the Twenty-second Regiment. His wife, Clarissa, who was a daughter of Benning King, of Wilton, became the mother of three children, of whom Henry N. is now living. She died August 8, 1885. Both parents were Unitarians.

Having obtained his education in the common schools, Henry N. Gray learned the blacksmith's trade in his father's shop, and afterward worked at it for fifty years. At the end of that period his health obliged him to relinquish it; and he has since resided upon his farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres, enjoying the comfortable competence he acquired by his industry. On January 3, 1854, he was united in marriage with Mary A. Heath, of Barre, Mass., a daughter of Joseph Heath. Of this union three children were born, and two are living — Ella H. and Will H. Ella, who is the widow of William H. Putnam, late of Wilton, has had seven children, namely: Clytie G., born December 16, 1876; Henry H., born August 17, 1878; Hattie Lavina, born May 10, 1880; George Newton, born August 2, 1882, who died September 14 of the same year; Mary Isabel, born September 18, 1883; Eva Heath, born August 31, 1884; and Alice King, born November 26, 1886. Will H. Gray wedded Minnie A. Follansbee, of Wilton, and has one son — Frank N., born July 21, 1886.

Mrs. Henry N. Gray died December 10, 1888. She was a member of the Unitarian church. Mr. Gray is also a communicant of that society. In politics he is a Republican. A Mason of Clinton Lodge, No. 52, he is an honorary member of the Royal Arch Chapter, and belongs to Advance Grange, No. 20, Patrons of Husbandry. He is sincerely respected by the entire community.

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**G**EORGE F. SPAULDING, one of the leading farmers of Merrimac, was born here, February 12, 1833, son of Captain Ira and Eliza J. (Atwood) Spaulding. His great-grandfather and grandfather were Revolutionary soldiers. The father, who was born in the same house in Merrimac, November 30, 1794, went to Salem, Mass., at the age of fourteen years, and lived there for six years. At the end of that time he returned to the original farm, and was afterward successfully engaged in farming, lumbering, and the real estate business. In politics he was a Whig, took an interest in all questions touching the public weal, and was active in public affairs. In the State militia he held the rank of Captain. Captain Spaulding died in 1855. Nancy Moore, of Bedford, N.H., became his first wife on May 17, 1821. She was the mother of William M., Ephraim H., and Nancy I. Nancy is now Mrs. William Kimball, of Boston. Captain Spaulding's second marriage was contracted with Eliza J. Atwood, who was born June 25, 1805. Her children were: Eliza J.; George W.; George Franklin; Betsy C., who is now a resident of Nashua; Catherine M., the wife of Chauncy Keeler, of Beloit, Wis.; Eleanor M., now Mrs. Albert Gay, of Boston; and Henry H., who is deceased. Mrs. Eliza Spaulding died in 1886 at Beloit, Wis., where she had gone on a visit to her daughter.

George Franklin Spaulding grew to manhood in Merrimac. He was educated in the common schools of Merrimac and Nashua, the Merrimac Normal Institute, and at Appleton Academy at Mont Vernon. With a large amount of general information he began his business life as a farmer. Farming and lum-

bering have since been his chief occupations. On his farm of four hundred acres there is a tasteful and homelike residence.

Mr. Spaulding married Eunice Augusta Parker, a lady of superior intellectual equipment, refined tastes, and rare social graces. Mrs. Spaulding is a daughter of the late Captain Nathan Parker, who was an influential resident of Merrimac for many years, and owned a line of river boats plying between Concord and Boston. Captain Parker's first wife, Doreas Danforth Parker, was the mother of Eliza, Sophronia, Mary, and Matthew Parker. The children of his second wife, Caroline E. Stevens Parker, were: Nathan D., Eunice A., Annette L., Nathan A., Sarah A., William F., Caroline E., Martha G., Frank E., and Charles E. Parker. Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding have lost their son Frank, who died before reaching his third year. Their living children are: Caribel F. and Clarence G., both born in Merrimac.

Mr. Spaulding is a Republican in politics, and takes an active part in town affairs. He has been Selectman, and has filled other offices. Both he and his wife, together with the children, are members and regular attendants of the Congregational church in this town. Mr. Spaulding is a Knight Templar of St. George Commandery at Nashua.

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**A**LBERT B. DAVIDSON, a successful farmer and a prominent resident of Temple, was born in the town of Horton, N.S., October 15, 1846. His father, Asa W. Davidson, also a native of Nova Scotia, born December 19, 1813, who was a prosperous farmer during his active period, spent his lifetime in his native province and died at the age of eighty years. Asa's first wife, in maidenhood Caroline Z. Rand, whom he married November 25, 1830, was a daughter of Thomas Rand. She had five children, of whom Eleazar W., Albert B., and Martha Ann are living. Eleazar W. wedded Margaret White, and has four children — Martha A., Jennie M., Frederick H., and Arthur C. Martha Ann is the wife of William H. H. Smith, and her children are:

Edith and Earl Smith. On July 25, 1854, Asa W. Davidson married Margaret Lockhart, who bore him four children; namely, Jebiel M., Minnie C., Margaret E., and Asa W.

Albert B. Davidson was educated in the schools of Nova Scotia. Since then he has given his attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1873 he settled upon a farm in Temple. He subsequently sold this property and purchased his present farm of two hundred acres, where he has since resided. His success in life is no less the result of his persevering industry than of his capability. Politically, he is a Republican. For some years he served upon the School Board and as Highway Surveyor, and in 1896 he was elected Selectman.

On December 6, 1871, Mr. Davidson was joined in marriage with Frances M. Deller, a native of Nova Scotia. She is the mother of eight children, born as follows: Bessie M., August 13, 1872; Caroline M., February 2, 1874; William H., October 28, 1875; Everett W., June 29, 1877; Albert E., February 11, 1879; Sarah F., January 7, 1881; Samuel D., April 11, 1883; and Annie M., February 6, 1888. Caroline M. is the wife of the Rev. Frederick P. Johnson, of Hyde Park, Mass., and has two daughters: Ruth, born December 25, 1895; and Mary, born July 29, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson are members of the Congregational church.

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**I**Saac B. Dodge, a leading citizen of Amherst, was born in the house where he now resides, in 1828, son of Ninian C. and Abigail (Brooks) Dodge. The Dodge family is one of the oldest and most prominent in Hillsboro County. The first bearer of the name in this section of the country came to the State from Beverly, Mass. The Dodge genealogy is traced from Richard Dodge, of Somersetshire, England, who came over in 1638, and settled with the Salem Colony in Massachusetts. Mr. Dodge's grandfather, Simon Dodge, who lived in New Boston, N.H., was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and was granted a pension by the government on account of meritorious service therein. Ninian Clarke Dodge was born in

New Boston, May 24, 1796. He became a student at Salisbury Academy, and spent much time in teaching school. In 1822 he came to Amherst, and for several years was clerk in the Registry of Deeds of Hillsboro County. He was a well-informed man, and had the respect of all who had the good fortune to know him. He died in Boston at the Marlboro Hotel, December 17, 1829, leaving one son, Isaac B. His wife, Abigail, who was a daughter of Isaac Brooks, of Amherst, died in January, 1872.

Isaac B. Dodge received his early education in the common schools of his native town and in the private subscription schools which were organized there. He has been a student all his life, aiming to keep himself thoroughly informed on all questions of interest before the public. He takes much interest in antiquarian research, and is quite an authority in certain lines. Agriculture, however, has been his chief occupation. He owns a farm at Amherst village, where he enjoys a quiet life. He has served three successive years on the Board of Selectmen, and for a part of that time was chairman of the body. He represented Amherst in the General Court for two years. In 1880 he was Census Enumerator for the town. All propositions for the public good interest him keenly. He is public-spirited, and may always be counted on for support to any benevolent or social reform. In Masonry he has taken the thirty-second degree, and he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Milford. He is a life member of the New Hampshire Bible Society, the New Hampshire Historical Society, and the Boston Young Men's Christian Union. Mr. Dodge is a pleasing writer, and has gained considerable local reputation.

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**H**ENRY H. LIVERMORE, an enterprising lumber manufacturer of Wilton, was born in this town, February 8, 1848, son of Jonathan and Doreas (Holt) Livermore. He is a great-grandson of the Rev. Jonathan Livermore, who was a native of Northboro, Mass., and the first settled Congregational minister in



ISAAC B. DODGE



Wilton. Jonathan Livermore (second), grandfather of Henry H., was a prosperous farmer and a lifelong resident of this town. He was prominent in the old State militia, in which he served as a Lieutenant; and in politics he was a Federalist and a Whig. As a citizen he was upright, conscientious, and progressive, and he was an active member of the Congregational church. He married Abigail Abbott, and was the father of two children, of whom Jonathan (third) was the eldest. He lived to be seventy-five years old. His wife died at thirty-two.

Jonathan Livermore, third, Henry H. Livermore's father, was born in Wilton, and grew to manhood as a farmer. He tilled the soil successfully during his active period, and was also engaged in mill business. For many years he was a Deacon of the Unitarian church. He was highly respected for his commendable qualities. In politics he was a Republican. He was interested in the militia, serving as Captain of the Seventh Company, Twenty-second Regiment, in 1832, of the Third Company in 1834, and was a member of the Miller Guards in 1845. At his death he was seventy-eight years old. His wife, Doreas, who was a daughter of Daniel Holt, of Wilton, became the mother of five children, three of whom are living, namely: Abigail A., the wife of Eliphalet P. Dascomb, of Wilton; Mary A., the wife of Martin A. Rockwood, of Brookline, N.H.; and Henry H., the subject of this sketch. Abiel A. enlisted in Company B, Eighth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, in the fall of 1861, and served with the regiment until June 14, 1863, when he was wounded and taken prisoner in the assault on Port Hudson, and died three days before the surrender of that place. Mrs. Doreas Livermore lived to be seventy-eight years old.

Henry H. Livermore attended school in his native town. At an early age he began work in a saw-mill. While still a young man, he bought an interest in his father's mill and engaged in the manufacture of lumber. He has since followed that business in connection with farming. Besides a farm of seventy-five acres, which he cultivates with good results, he

owns a tract of timber land containing one hundred acres. Politically, he is a Republican, and he served as a member of the Board of Selectmen for two years. He takes an active interest in all measures calculated to promote the industrial and general interests of the town.

On March 23, 1879, Mr. Livermore was joined in marriage with Martha E. Boynton, daughter of Oliver Boynton, who was a native of Temple, N.H. Mrs. Livermore is the mother of three children, two living - Abiel A. and Olive B. Both parents are active members of Adrance Grange, No. 20, Patrons of Husbandry, in which Mr. Livermore has served as Overseer and Chaplain. They attend the Unitarian church.

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**R**EUBEN LEANDER ANGIER, the owner of a large granite quarry in Fitzwilliam, N.H., was born in this place, February 2, 1842, son of Reuben and Eliza Ann (Bowen) Angier. His grandfather, Abel Angier, was an early settler of Fitzwilliam, which is in the south-eastern part of Cheshire County. In middle life, however, he spent two years in Northern Illinois, going there from Albany, N.Y., in an emigrant wagon long before the days of railroads. Upon returning to Fitzwilliam, he bought the old Tower farm, where he spent his last days with his family, attaining the advanced age of eighty-six years. His son Reuben, the father of Reuben L., became a successful farmer. He assisted his father, Abel, in buying the Tower farm, and upon his father's death bought out the other heirs. He died in 1881, in the seventy-fourth year of his age, leaving a large acreage to his son. He had been a Selectman, and had he been a supporter of the popular party would undoubtedly have been elected a Representative to the legislature. By his wife, Eliza Ann, he had two children - a son, Reuben Leander; and a daughter, Lydia A., who died at the age of sixteen years.

At twenty-one Reuben L. Angier, having acquired his education in the Fitzwilliam school, No. 8, and at the select school in the

village, commenced quarrying granite, which he found in abundance upon his farm, continuing this industry as well as his farming with great success. He is now one of the best known quarrymen in this section of the State. Going out of the business in Fitzwilliam some time ago, he opened a quarry in Barre, Vt., and, after working it successfully for a time, sold it at a handsome profit. Until 1892 he both quarried and finished the granite, but since that date he has quarried only. He still carries on a general farming business, and raises annually a large crop of potatoes. He married Laura E. Thompson, daughter of Ozias H. Thompson, of Barre, Vt. Their children are: Rollin Leander, Frank T., and Fanny Belle.

Mr. Angier was for some time vice-president of the Fitzwilliam Savings Bank, and is now the president of the bank. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served for many years as a Selectman of the town. He was last chosen First Selectman, but declined to serve.

LAKE ANTHONY T. HARWOOD, M.D., a successful physician of Hillsboro, was born February 3, 1851, in Bath, Somersetshire, England, son of Colonel Edward and Annie (Blake) Harwood.

The paternal grandfather, John Harwood, who was a famous woollen manufacturer in his day, and who for many years supplied the British army with scarlet cloth, had four children, of whom Edward was the youngest; and none are living.

Edward Harwood entered the British army when young, subsequently rose in it to the rank of Colonel, and remained in the service until his death, which occurred when he was seventy years old. His wife, a native of Ireland, was about fifty-eight when she died. They had sixteen children, of whom the survivors are: Antonia, John Arthur Powles Kite, Julian T., Gertrude, Blake Anthony T., Katharine Ann, and McDonald. Of these, two are residing in the United States. The others are in England. Julian T., of

Augusta, Me., wedded Margaret Shean, of that city; and his children are: Arthur, Annie, Mary, Edward, Kate, Nellie, and Joseph. Antonia is now the widow of Alexander Frothingham, and has three children living—Alexander, Antonia, and Annie. Gertrude is the wife of Henry S. Sherry. Katharine Ann married George A. Askeoll, and has seven children; and McDonald, who is also married, has three children. Dr. Harwood's parents were communicants of the Church of England.

After receiving his early education in London, Blake A. T. Harwood studied at Brighton College and then at Hurst Pierpont St. John College, from which he graduated in 1869. In the fall of 1872 he came to America and settled in Augusta, Me. His medical studies were commenced at the University of the State of Vermont, where he pursued a three years' course. Subsequently he attended the Dartmouth College Medical School, the Bellevue Hospital Medical School of New York City, and the University of Illinois. He received an honorary degree from a medical college, in which he was professor of the diseases of women and children. On February 14, 1896, he located in Hillsboro, where he has already acquired a large practice.

On January 21, 1876, Dr. Harwood was united in marriage with Annie Gilley, a daughter of James Gilley, of Augusta, Me. She was a great-granddaughter of John Gilley, who was one of the first settlers of Augusta. John Gilley is said to have reached the very remarkable age of one hundred and twenty-four years and eleven months. Mrs. Harwood is the mother of two children—Georgia Maude and Sadie Belle. Georgia Maude is now the wife of Russell Brennan, of Hillsboro.

Having spent a great deal of time in preparing himself for the medical profession, and availed himself of every opportunity offered him for acquiring knowledge, Dr. Harwood enters upon his life work well provided with the elements of success. His skill has been demonstrated upon several occasions, much to the relief and satisfaction of the suffering; and he is highly esteemed, both profes-

ally and socially. He has not been naturalized, preferring to remain a subject of Great Britain. Both he and Mrs. Harwood attend the Episcopal church.

**L**EWIS H. STARK, a representative business man of Goffstown, was born here, December 8, 1841, son of Rodney G. and Sarah J. Stark. His grandfather, Thomas Stark, son of William, was a brother of the General Stark of Revolutionary fame. Rodney G. Stark was born in Dunbarton, N.H., whence he came to Goffstown. Having previously learned the trade of a tailor, he followed that occupation after coming to this place. When he died here, he was between sixty-six and sixty-seven years of age. His wife, Sarah J., who was a native of Manchester, N.H., lived to be about the same age. She was a member of the Congregational church, and he was a Universalist in belief. In politics he was a Republican. Of their six children four are living, namely: Mary, the wife of Henry W. Hadley, living in San Diego, Cal.; Lewis H., the subject of this sketch; William F., a resident of Cambridge, Mass.; and Phillip G., a resident of Manchester.

During his early years Lewis H. Stark lived in Goffstown. He subsequently went to New York State to complete his education, the foundation of which had been laid in the schools of his native town. In 1861, having returned to Goffstown, he enlisted in the band of the Third New Hampshire Regiment, with which he served a year in the late war, and was then discharged by an act of Congress. He re-enlisted in 1864 in the Camp Corps Band at Hilton Head, and thereafter served until honorably discharged at the close of the war. After his return to Goffstown he became the junior partner of the firm Kendall, Hadley & Co., which was organized in 1868. For nearly thirty years this firm has carried on a prosperous business in the manufacture of window frames, sashes, blinds, etc.

Mr. Stark was married April 4, 1866, to Miss Clara A. Abbott, who was born in Bennington, N.H., daughter of Samuel Abbott.

They have four children—Anna J., Frank A., Henry H., and Frederick L.—all living in Goffstown. Anna is the wife of Frank A. Parker. Mr. Stark is a staunch Republican in politics. In 1877 he was a member of the New Hampshire legislature. He has also been active in local educational matters. He is a member of Charles Stinson Post, G. A. R., and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Both he and Mrs. Stark are attendants of the Congregational church.

**D**ANIEL TWITCHELL SABEN, formerly a well-known lumber manufacturer in Winchester, was born here, January 26, 1819, son of Benedict and Hannah (Twitchell) Saben. His grandfather, Israel Saben, who was born in Rehoboth, Mass., September 14, 1749, resided in Uxbridge, Mass., for a time. Israel, who was a Quaker, joining a party of that sect from Rhode Island, came to Cheshire County with them as their preacher. He arrived at Winchester about the year 1782, and shortly afterward moved to Richmond, where he built a large two-story house. He cultivated a farm during the rest of his active period, and was a leader among the large Society of Friends that had been established in Richmond. He married Beulah Albee, who had lived in the family of an Orthodox minister, and was well educated; and she in turn imparted much of her knowledge to her husband. Israel Saben died about the year 1827, and his wife died in 1826. They were the parents of thirteen children, among whom were: Timothy, Chloe, Simeon T., Alfred, Lydia, Darling, Mary, Moses, and Benedict.

Benedict Saben, who was born in Richmond, May 6, 1792, settled upon a farm in Winchester, where he resided for the rest of his life, chiefly occupied in farming and teaming. He was noted for his knowledge of the Scriptures. When he died, January 30, 1868, he was seventy five years old. His wife, Hannah Twitchell, whom he married March 29, 1818, was born in Winchester, December 11, 1799, daughter of Daniel Twitchell. Her grandfather, who was noted for his physical

strength, was treacherously murdered by the Indians; and her father died in 1811. She became the mother of seven children; namely, Daniel T., Eunice, Amy A., Arnold B., Emerson O., Caroline A., and Jonas M. Eunice married Henry Felton, of Jamaica, Vt.; Amy A. married William Mack, of Boston; Caroline A. married David Crane, a lawyer; and Emerson O. married Angela Eddy, and is in the trucking business in Boston. Arnold B. went to Sacramento, Cal., where he remained for some time, and died in Empire City, Nev. He was a prosperous business man, and served upon the Board of County Commissioners in Nevada. The maiden name of his wife was Viola Lindsay. Jonas M. married Josephine Kelly. Mrs. Benedict Saben died November 22, 1881.

Daniel Twitchell Saben acquired his education in Winchester. When a young man he was engaged in tilling the soil for a time. He later began the manufacture of pail staves, which he carried on successfully for years. During the late war he was an extensive manufacturer of ship pins. In his saw-mill, located near his farm, in addition to manufacturing lumber, he did custom planing and ran a grist-mill. He also did carpenter's work, and cultivated a farm. After a very busy career he retired in 1894. He was the owner of large tracts of timber land, and of a farm containing two hundred acres. In politics he was a Republican. In religion he was a Universalist, and he was a leader of the church choir for forty years. In his younger days he taught a singing-school. Mr. Saben died May 25, 1897. Of a noble character, he was always a stanch friend. None knew him but to love and trust him. Noted for his sound judgment, his opinion was much appreciated. No one could be with him long without learning something. He was always thoughtful of others, and had hosts of friends.

On September 17, 1845, Mr. Saben was united in marriage to Sophronia Shaw Kingman. She had taught school for several years, and was a lovely and talented woman. The only child of the marriage, Flora Saben, became the wife of Fred F. Twitchel, a merchant of St. Albans, Vt., and died in De-

cember, 1895, leaving four children. On December 18, 1895, Mr. Saben was again united in marriage to Mrs. Clara F. Weeks, daughter of Mr. Charles Norwood, of Richmond, N.H.

**G**EORGE E. BUFFUM, farmer, is a resident of Westmoreland, Cheshire County, N.H., where he was born July 5, 1822, son of Erasmus and Hepsy (Thayer) Buffum. He is of the seventh generation in descent from Robert Buffum, who came from Yorkshire, England, and settled in Salem, Mass., where his name was recorded in 1638. The immigrant died in 1679, leaving seven children. His son Caleb, born in Salem in 1650, married Hannah, daughter of Joseph Pope, and died in 1731. Their son, Benjamin, born in 1686, married a Buxton, by whom he had Joseph, born in 1717, who married Margaret Osborne, and died in 1796.

Joseph, Jr., son of Joseph and Margaret Buffum, born in Smithfield, R.I., in 1754, emigrated to Westmoreland, N.H., in 1784, and took up a farm in the southern part of the town. He married Sally, daughter of Elias Haskell, of Lancaster, Mass., and had seven sons, of whom it was said that they were "strong mentally as well as physically." Mr. Joseph Buffum, Jr., died in 1829, in Westmoreland, his wife surviving him nineteen years. He was a man of "strong mind, persistent will, and good common sense." His children were: Joseph, third, a man of great ability, who graduated from Dartmouth College, studied law and practised, was a member of Congress in 1818, at one time held the position of Postmaster at Keene, N.H., and died unmarried; Sewell, who married Fanny Atherton, of Chesterfield, and removed to Boston, Mass.; Erasmus; William, who married Mary Ann Gordon, of Sterling, Conn., and settled in Walpole, N.H.; Solon, who died at the age of nineteen years; David, known as Colonel Buffum, who married Mary Bellows, daughter of the Hon. Thomas Bellows, and became a prominent citizen of Walpole; and Haskell, the fifth son, born September 29, 1795, who married Salome Wood, daughter of Jonathan Wood, for many years a

Justice of the Peace. Haskell Buffum was a man who improved all his opportunities for learning and for usefulness. He was much given to thought, and a lover of books. He took an active interest in the welfare of the town, was a Selectman and Representative, and always actively interested in military matters, holding the commission of Ensign. At the time of his death he was the oldest citizen of the town.

Erasmus Buffum, son of Joseph, third, and the father of the subject of this sketch, married a daughter of Daniel Thayer, a Revolutionary soldier who drew a pension. They had eight children, two of whom died in infancy. The others were: Solon, Sarah, James, Jewett E., Mary, and Alba. The father died in 1872. Solon Buffum went to New York City at the age of sixteen. He married Adaline Daul. Sarah Buffum died at the age of twenty-four years. James married Louisa Howe, and died in 1887 in Westmoreland. Mary married a Mr. Ingalls, both now deceased. Alba (deceased) lived in New York City.

Jewett E. Buffum remained on his father's farm until twenty-one years of age. He then spent one year in a market in Boston, after which he returned to Westmoreland, and has since remained in this town. His family has always been distinguished for strength of mind, indomitable will, and sterling common sense; and Mr. Buffum has inherited these traits very fully. His energy and influence have been felt in the town for many years. He has held the various offices of trust, has been Selectman and Justice of the Peace for many years, and during the war he was a recruiting officer. He has always voted the Democratic ticket, and his work in the political field will not soon be forgotten by his fellow-citizens.

He married Clarissa E., daughter of Elbridge and Betsey (Gleason) Chickering. Mrs. Buffum's grandfather, Timothy Chickering, came to Westmoreland from Massachusetts and settled on the river side. He had seven children—Luther, Rhoda, Lavinia, Thankful, Alvin, Elbridge, and Samuel. Rhoda Chickering married Mr. Wright, and

lived in St. Johnsbury; Lavinia married Mr. Melvin, and lived in the same place; Alvin married Fannie Gleason, and lived in Westmoreland; Samuel married Clarissa Hastings, of Westmoreland. Elbridge Chickering, the father of Mrs. Buffum, died at the age of sixty-three. His wife, Mrs. Buffum's mother, was a daughter of Benjamin Gleason. Their nine children were: Caroline, Clarissa E. (Mrs. Buffum), Ransom, Holland, Elbridge, Jr., Shubael, and three who died in infancy. Caroline Chickering married Lambert Shaw, and went to Worcester. Ransom Chickering married Julia Gilkerson, and lived in Brockport, N.Y. Holland Chickering lived in California, and married Aleesta Chamberlain. Elbridge Chickering, Jr., married Elsie Aldrich. Shubael died in California.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Buffum are: Solon E., E. Clayton, J. Colburn, H. Clement, Alice Clara, and James Alba, triplets having once been born to them and once twins. Solon E., the eldest, married Addie Foster; Alice C. married Edward H. Fletcher; and J. Alba married Adine Cole.

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**B**ENJAMIN PIERCE, the well-known manufacturer and financier of Chesterfield, N.H., was born in Smithfield, R.I., on February 26, 1814, son of George and Sophronia (Mann) Pierce. His grandfather, also named Benjamin Pierce, was a prominent Rhode Island Quaker and a leading farmer of Smithfield. He was over six feet in height, and as noble in heart and mind as in physical proportions. He married Abigail Buffum, aunt to Joseph Buffum, member of Congress from New Hampshire and a prominent lawyer. Benjamin Pierce, first, had five children—George, Hannah, Clarinda, Rhoda, and Louisa. Hannah married Isaac Tabor, a man of sterling character, superintendent for many years of Slater's store, and had five children; Clarinda Pierce married Otis Martin, and lived in Smithfield; Rhoda married Nathaniel Inman, son of an old and noted Rhode Island family; and Louisa became the wife of Edward Cranston, a well-to-do citizen.

George Pierce departed from family traditions in religious affiliations, and did not go through life as a Quaker. When a young man he emigrated to Chesterfield with his wife, coming here because Joseph Buffum, a relative, was settled in a neighboring town. He bought a farm in East Chesterfield about the year 1816, and remained a few years, at the end of that time going back to Smithfield. In 1825 he returned to Chesterfield, and remained here during the rest of his life, a highly respected and influential citizen. He died August 14, 1876, at the age of eighty-three years. His wife, Sophronia Mann, whom he married on the Fourth of July, 1810, lived to be one hundred and two years old lacking one month. She was a lover of children, and could entertain them even in old age. The family of eleven, whom she and her husband reared, were all taught to be self-respecting and self-supporting.

Benjamin, the subject of this sketch, was the third child. A brief record of his brothers and sisters is as follows: Adeline, the eldest, married Freeman Chase, of Athol, Mass.; Gilbert, born August 11, 1812, married Mary Ann Stimpson, of Athol; George, born May 30, 1816, married Betsey Sherman; Diana, born January 3, 1818, was twice married, the first time to Mr. Scott and the second time to Ora Blodgett; Marshall M., born December 4, 1819, died May 6, 1847; Mary T., born March 4, 1822, married for her second husband Asnah Alger, of Winchendon, Mass.; John H., born January 13, 1824, married Elizabeth Chandler; Joseph W. was born September 18, 1825; Louisa B., born December 31, 1827, married Estey Farr; and Hannah Maria, born October 10, 1829, married William Atherton. Adeline, Mary, Benjamin, and Maria are now the only survivors.

Benjamin Pierce received his early education in the public schools of Smithfield and at Chesterfield Academy. He began his working life as a teacher, and was most successful both as a disciplinarian and as an instructor. He always had the good will of his pupils, and cannot remember ever having been obliged to chastise any one of them for being refractory. While teaching day school, he also taught

evenings for a part of the time. On giving up teaching, he went into the employ of Oliver B. Huggins, manufacturer, as travelling agent for the sale of bits and augers. He made short trips at first, but gradually extended them into Canada, where he would buy furs, and upon his return would sell them in Boston at a great profit. He was always on the alert for business openings and gave the strictest attention to details. In 1852 his employers failed; and Mr. Pierce, having by industry and economy saved a considerable sum of money, bought the factory and applied himself with his usual concentration and executive ability to building a business for himself on a firm and safe basis. In a short time everything was running smoothly, and he was able to enlarge the business. Of a mechanical turn of mind and of keen and quick perceptions, he made improvements in the machinery, and, being able to grasp readily any of the suggestions of others, was soon making new and improved articles in his lines. He always kept his own books and looked after the details of the business; and to this personal supervision and care, coupled with wise economy, is chiefly due, no doubt, the success he has met with. He made spinning-wheels, which were sent into many States and were sold at high prices, there being comparatively little competition in the manufacture. Mr. Pierce travelled considerably in the interests of his business, and gradually became a note broker on quite an extensive scale. He has bought and sold many notes, and much of his handsome fortune has been acquired by these sagacious transactions. He still continues in this line of business, and is considered one of the shrewdest financiers in New England. Mr. Pierce's career has been a somewhat remarkable one. There are few men who accumulate over a half-million of dollars while residing in a small town far from the great commercial centres, or who have the keen business insight which enables them by unaided personal effort to acquire so large a fortune. The business prosperity of Chesterfield has been increased in all lines by having this thriving manufactory here, which employs so large a force of workmen and disburses so much money. Mr.

Pierce became interested in the manufacture of chisels in Hinsdale, selling stock on commission and having the general superintendency of the business, carrying this on for thirteen years in addition to his factory in Chesterfield. In 1852 Mr. Pierce was Selectman of the town.

On November 15, 1842, Mr. Pierce married Caroline Amelia, daughter of Jesse Gale. She died October 30, 1882, having been the mother of six children, as follows: Frederick B., born April 20, 1845; Caroline Maria, born October 18, 1850; Helen (Nellie K.), born January 25, 1853; Grace M., born December 30, 1854, who died October 3, 1873; Mary and Alice, both of whom died young. Frederick B. Pierce married Emma F., daughter of Josiah W. Cook, and has two children—Maud and Frank M. Caroline M. married J. Lyman Bliss, and resides at Atchison, Kan. Her husband is deceased, leaving to her care their one child, a daughter Grace. Helen (Nellie K.) married D. Dunham, of Hinsdale, N.H. In 1870 Frederick began the manufacture of the same kind of goods which had been made by his father. Since 1875 he has been manufacturing brush handles and spinning-wheels at Spofford. Mr. Benjamin Pierce sold out his business in 1882 to Mr. Currier, ex-Mayor of Newburyport.

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**R**EUBEN SPAULDING, a retired mechanic of Hudson, was born in this town, July 1, 1811, son of Reuben and Hannah (Barrett) Spaulding. He is the fourth representative of the family in a direct line to bear that name. The genealogy of the Spauldings is traced to three brothers who emigrated from England, and settled in Chelmsford, Mass. The first Reuben Spaulding was an early settler of Hudson, while Reubens, second and third, were lifelong residents. Some of the Spauldings served in the Revolutionary War, and each generation has given industrious and capable men and loyal citizens to the country.

The father of the subject of this sketch, and the third bearer of his name, was a prosperous farmer during his active years. At the ap-

proach of old age he retired, and lived with his son in Nashua for some time. His last days were passed in Hudson. At his death he was eighty-two years old. He served as a Lieutenant in the State militia. In politics he acted with the Whig party, and in his religious belief he was a Unitarian. His wife, Hannah, who was a native of Hudson, became the mother of six children, two of whom are living, namely: Reuben, the subject of this sketch; and Jane, who married Greeley N. Cressey, and lives in Contoocook, N.H. The others were: Susan Morse, Hannah Hale, Sarah Morse, and Elizabeth. Elizabeth died at the age of eight years. Mrs. Hannah Spaulding lived to be eighty-five years old. She attended the Congregational church.

The present Reuben Spaulding grew to manhood in Londonderry and Hudson, acquiring his education in the common schools. At the age of nineteen he began to learn the carpenter's trade, which he subsequently followed as a journeyman for some years. He was afterward employed in the Indian Head machine shops as a pattern-maker for fourteen years, and he worked in the same capacity in the railroad shops of Lowell and Nashua for twenty-one years. He retired from active occupation several years ago. In 1858 he entered upon his present farm, which has been his residence since. The property, which is desirably located, and contains one hundred and twenty acres of land, is now managed by Mr. Spaulding's son.

On January 17, 1839, Mr. Spaulding's first marriage was contracted with Emily Brooks, a native of Townsend, Mass., who died July 26, 1849. Mrs. Sarah Spaulding, his present wife, whom he married October 15, 1851, was a daughter of Captain Thomas Laton, of Nashua. Two children were born of each marriage, namely: Reuben L., in Nashua, February 3, 1844; George E., July 20, 1848; Charles Laton, April 5, 1854; and Sarah Maria, July 12, 1858. Reuben L. is married and has two children—Edward A. and Emily. George E. died June 11, 1849. Charles Laton is a prosperous farmer and market gardener in Hudson. He is also married, and his children are: Helen C. and Harold M.

Sarah Maria, who is the wife of John C. Groves, lives in Hudson, and has two children — Reuben S. and Robert L. In politics Mr. Spaulding is a Republican. He served with ability as a Selectman in Nashua, and was for two years a member of the Board in this town. He attends the Episcopal church. A self-made man, he has fully earned the rest he is enjoying.

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**M**ILES BENTON TUTTLE, one of Antrim's successful farmers and an ex-member of the legislature, was born in this town, June 22, 1845, son of Isaac and Sophronia (Chase) Tuttle. His grandfather was Benjamin Tuttle, a native of Littleton, Mass., who removed to Hillsboro at the age of fourteen years, and there followed agriculture until his death, which occurred when he was seventy-four years old. In politics he was a Democrat, and for several years he served as a Selectman and as Overseer of the Poor. He was highly esteemed as an honest, upright, and industrious man. He attended the Baptist church. By his wife, a native of Antrim, whose maiden name was Annie McAllister, he became the father of twelve children, five of whom reached maturity, and Alonzo is the sole survivor. Alonzo married Charlotte Jones, of Hillsboro, and has two children — George H. and Charlotte. Mrs. Annie Tuttle died at the age of seventy-two years. She was a member of the Baptist church.

Isaac Tuttle, the third child of Benjamin, was born in Hillsboro, June 7, 1813. He learned the brickmaker's trade, which he followed in Nashua for some years. In 1840 he bought the farm in Antrim now owned by his son. He tilled the soil industriously for the rest of his active years, and died June 16, 1895, leaving considerable property. He supported the Democratic party in politics. His wife, Sophronia, whom he married November 19, 1840, was born in Hillsboro, daughter of James Chase. She has had three children; namely, Miles B., Lucy A., and Lucetta A. Lucy A. is the wife of Jotham S. Moore, of

Hillsboro, and has two sons — Ralph H. and Charles J. Lucetta A. married Frank D. Appleton, of West Deering. The mother resides with her son in Antrim.

Miles Benton Tuttle began his education in the schools of Antrim, and completed his studies at the academy in Francestown. He was engaged in farming for a time, and then went upon the road as a travelling salesman for eight years. Eventually he returned to the homestead, where he resumed farming, and for several years produced quite a quantity of milk. He is now giving his principal attention to buying and selling cattle. On September 29, 1869, he was united in marriage with Lizzie A. Marshall, daughter of Sumner O. Marshall, of Hillsboro. Mrs. Tuttle is the mother of twins, Isaac M. and James C., born October 19, 1879.

Mr. Tuttle has rendered efficient services to the town, and his political supporters have had every reason to be satisfied with him. As a Democrat he was elected to the Board of Selectmen in 1875 and 1876, and he represented this town in the legislature in 1890 and 1891. The measure of success he has won is due largely to his fair dealing, for which he is sincerely esteemed in the town.

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**J**AMES C. HILDRETH, a popular and enterprising merchant of Hollis, was born here, May 26, 1846, son of Amos and Mary E. (Stearns) Hildreth. His great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather, Captain Daniel Bailey and son, who bore the same name, were Revolutionary soldiers, participating in the battle of Bunker Hill and in all the subsequent battles in which the Hollis company was engaged. Mr. Hildreth has the musket that his great-grandfather carried in these battles. The father, who was born at Westfield, Mass., spent the greater part of his life in Harvard, Mass., and died there at the age of seventy-two years. His wife was a native of Winchendon, Mass.

In the district schools of Hollis, where he received his early education, James C. Hildreth was a favorite with his young companions, and early gave evidence of the energy

and alertness that have since characterized his business life. His first salary was earned in the capacity of clerk for William A. Trow, with whom he remained several years, gaining valuable experience. Later he opened a job printing-office and established the *Hollis Times*, which he conducted successfully for six years. Then the pressure of other duties compelled him to discontinue the publication of the *Times*, but he continued the printing-office. In 1890 he opened a store in Hollis. This has since acquired so large a business that it is now claimed to be the leading store in the town. Mr. Hildreth intends always to carry only first-class stock and to charge only fair prices, so that buyer and seller are benefited. A tireless worker, he is constantly busy. He is assisted by his son, who has now become an essential factor in the management of the business. Prior to Mr. Cleveland's inauguration he was Postmaster of the town.

Mr. Hildreth married a Hollis lady, Miss Mary S. Colburn, daughter of Abel and Susan Colburn. Mr. and Mrs. Hildreth have one son — Albert F., above alluded to, who is his father's right-hand man in business. Mr. Hildreth is always actively interested in any question which may arise concerning in any way the welfare of the town; and he takes due interest in political affairs, though his many business engagements prevent him from accepting any political office. He is a charter member of Golden Cross and also of Hollis Grange. Of the former order he is Past Commander.

**W**ARREN H. BUTLER, an extensive dairy farmer of Chesterfield, the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, October 6, 1847, son of Marshall and Luthera B. (Hubbard) Butler. The great-grandfather, Josiah Butler, who resided in Hinsdale, was a nephew of Colonel Josiah Willard, one of the original proprietors of the town of Chesterfield. Colonel Willard was a prominent man in the Connecticut valley in his time. These were the days when the settlers were often

called from their field labors to defend their families from the attacks of the Indians.

John Butler, grandfather of Warren H., was born in Hinsdale, February 5, 1786. In 1825 he settled upon a farm in the southern part of Chesterfield. Besides cultivating a farm, he was engaged extensively in logging, rafting his timber down the Connecticut River to Springfield and Hartford. His last days were spent in retirement; and at the time of his death, which occurred in 1884, he was the oldest man in Chesterfield. His first marriage was contracted in 1810 with Gratia Hubbard, a daughter of Ephraim Hubbard. On January 30, 1856, a second marriage united him with Lydia Crowningshield, who was born in Hinsdale, January 21, 1811. His first wife had eight children, as follows: Marshall, born May 9, 1811; Warren, born August 15, 1812, who died August 19, 1831; Josiah, born January 4, 1815, who died in September, 1862; Ephraim H., twin brother of Josiah; Erastus, born May 12, 1816; Maria, born April 14, 1817; Roswell, born August 15, 1822; and Otis, born June 3, 1826. Maria became the wife of Samuel Thomas, of Hinsdale.

Marshall Butler, who was a native of Hinsdale, and moved with his parents to Chesterfield, followed the lumber business in company with his father. He died in the prime of life on November 18, 1855. He was quite prominent in military affairs as Captain of a local light infantry company. His wife, Luther, was a daughter of Captain Jacob P. Hubbard, a prosperous farmer of Chesterfield. She became the mother of four children, as follows: Lucius M., born April 9, 1838; Ann S., born January 11, 1842; Helen P., born March 24, 1845; and Warren H., the subject of this sketch. Lucius M., who is a master mechanic on the New York, New Haven, & Hartford Railroad, has four children — Herbert, Abbott, Nellie, and Earl. Ann S. married Frederick L. Stone, a prominent farmer and business man of Amherst, Mass. Her children are: Winthrop E., Harland F., Lawson, and Helen. Winthrop E. Stone, who graduated from the Massachusetts State Agricultural College at Amherst, spent two years

in Germany, and is now the vice-president of Purdue University, Indiana; and Harland F. Stone, a graduate of Amherst, is now pursuing a course at the Columbia Law School. Helen P. Butler is the wife of George Howe, a native of Hinsdale and a machinist by trade. They reside in Agawam, Mass., and have two children—Bernice L. and Murray R.

But eight years old when his father died, Warren H. Butler had not the thorough training which is prompted by paternal love and solicitude. He was educated in the district schools and at the old Chesterfield Academy, and assisted in carrying on the homestead farm for some time. Subsequently he bought the Nat Hildreth farm of one hundred acres, and engaged energetically in its cultivation. In 1877 he had the misfortune of losing his buildings by fire; but he immediately rebuilt, and has since been occupied in dairy farming, which he carries on upon a large scale. In politics he is a Republican and one of the leaders of that party in this section. He has been a delegate to several county and State conventions, and was instrumental in securing the nomination of ex-Governor Goodell. During nine of the ten years he spent in the Board of Selectmen he was its chairman. He was elected to the legislature in 1889, and was a member of the Committee on County Affairs. He has also served as both County and Town Auditor, Moderator at town meetings, and Deputy Sheriff. He was first elected County Commissioner in 1893. Since then he has been twice re-elected, and holds office now for the term ending in 1899. Also a Justice of the Peace and Quorum, he has settled many estates, and acts as administrator and guardian.

On February 14, 1871, Mr. Butler was united in marriage with Elenora F. Barrett, of Chesterfield. She is a daughter of George W. and Emily (Wilson) Barrett, and a granddaughter of John H. and Charlotte (Thomas) Barrett. Her maternal grandparents were Wheaton and Sally (Taft) Wilson, of Dummerston, Vt. Mr. and Mrs. Butler have one daughter, Gladys, who was born July 23, 1880. Mr. Butler is, without doubt, one of the best known men in Cheshire County. His ability

has been tested to its fullest capacity by the various political complications which he has satisfactorily adjusted, and his public services are heartily appreciated by the voters throughout the county. He belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men of Keene, N.H.

**J**ESSE W. TIRRELL, a prominent and enterprising farmer of Goffstown, was born here, December 13, 1840, son of Hiram and Martha J. (Gilmore) Tirrell. The part of Goffstown known as Canada Hill was a waste when Jesse Tirrell, Hiram's father, settled there. By hard work he converted a tract into a good farm, upon which he prosperously spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife both died at an advanced age. Hiram was born in the old Tirrell homestead in July, 1806; and his wife, Martha, was born on the very same farm, March 18, 1807. She was a daughter of Robert Gilmore, who also bore an honored name among the old-time inhabitants of the town. Hiram Tirrell was a farmer and lumberman. Excepting a residence of seven years in Boston, his life was spent on the Gilmore farm. In religion he was a Baptist. At his death, which occurred January 9, 1888, he left a reputation for scrupulous integrity. His wife died July 22, 1876. Of their three sons and two daughters there are now living: Jesse W., the subject of this sketch; Caroline, the wife of George C. Baker, of West Manchester; and Clinton H., whose biography will be found elsewhere in this work. The others were: Harriett G., who died at the age of nineteen; and Joseph, who died June 17, 1895, aged fifty-seven.

Jesse W. Tirrell received his education in the town schools. Farming and teaming have been his principal occupations since. He spent two years each successively in the employ of Hillsboro and Merrimack Counties in the capacity of assistant superintendent of the county farms. The well-kept farm of about seventy acres on which he now lives was purchased by him in 1868. He has been Road Agent, was Selectman for two years, and he was in the State legislature in 1891. He is a member of the Baptist church, and has

been Deacon of the church in Goffstown Centre for five years. In politics he follows the Republican party.

Mr. Tirrell was first married November 17, 1866, to Mrs. Ellen (Gile) Mason, a native of Wolcott, Vt., who died August 19, 1871. He entered a second marriage October 8, 1872, with Flora L. Griffith, a native of Livermore, Me., who died March 19, 1884. On May 18, 1887, he contracted a third marriage, by which he was united to Mattie T. Emerson. She was born in Auburn, N.H., October 6, 1838, daughter of David and Eliza (Caleff) Emerson. Mr. Tirrell has two children—Irving H. and May B. Irving, who was born November 12, 1870, lives at St. Albans, Vt., being employed by the great Chicago meat firm of Swift & Co., in whose employ he has been for nine years. May B., born April 17, 1875, resides at home with her parents. She graduated from the Normal School at Plymouth, N.H., and has taught school for several terms in her native town.

**J**OHN E. BRUCE, a well-known resident of Milford, is a native of Mont Vernon, N.H. Born November 4, 1817, he is a son of John and Dolly (Durant) Bruce the former a native of Mont Vernon and the latter of Dracut, Mass. The founder of the family came from Scotland, where the name, since the days of Robert Bruce, has been inseparably associated with self-sacrificing patriotism. Mr. Bruce is a grandson of the first minister who settled in Mont Vernon, the Rev. John Bruce of the Congregational denomination. The father of Mr. Bruce was a farmer and for many years a Justice of the Peace in Mont Vernon. He also served as Treasurer of Hillsboro County, throughout which he had an extended acquaintance. His death occurred in 1872.

Mr. Bruce was brought up in his native place. He received the ordinary education afforded by the common school, supplemented by a term at Phillips Academy at Andover, Mass., and a short course at Appleton Academy, New Ipswich, N.H. For a brief time afterward he was engaged in teaching school.

When twenty-three years of age he turned his attention to mercantile life, taking charge of a general store in Mont Vernon and conducting it for about five years. In 1848 he came to Milford and kept a similar store here for a number of years. He subsequently formed a partnership with H. M. Tyler, under the name of Bruce & Tyler, who carried on the business until 1862, when they separated. On October 1, 1896, Mr. Bruce, who had continued in business at the same stand, sold out to S. Carroll Coburn, the present owner. In the legislature of 1856-57 he served as Representative from Milford. He has been Town Clerk and Town Treasurer, he is a Justice of the Peace, and he was Deputy Sheriff for several years. Also, for about nine years, he was Selectman of Milford, serving for much of the time in the capacity of chairman of the Board. He is identified with both the Masonic and Odd Fellows orders.

Mr. Bruce married Sarah J. Whittemore, of Mont Vernon, and has five children. These are: Charles E., president of the Seamless Hosiery Company of Rochester, N.Y.; Josephine E., a teacher in the high school at Medford, Mass.; Ella A., the wife of N. W. Robinson, of Milford; Emily F., the wife of Judge W. H. Sanborn of the United States Circuit Court of St. Paul, Minn.; and Sarah W., the wife of E. A. MacCrillis, of Milford, N.H. A man of unquestioned integrity and sound judgment, Mr. Bruce has often been of service to his townsmen.

**J**OEL WELLINGTON, of Rindge, an extensive manufacturer and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, July 7, 1831, son of Captain Leonard and Lucinda (Page) Wellington. The Wellingtons are the descendants of Roger Wellington, who, born in England about the year 1610, emigrated to this country when a young man, and was among the first settlers of Watertown, Mass. Captain Leonard Wellington, who was a native of Jaffrey, N.H., located in Rindge in 1803. While a hatter by trade, he carried on general farming, and was employed quite extensively

as an auctioneer. He served in Captain Gregg's company during the War of 1812, and died May 22, 1849. He successively married Eunice Earl, Doreas Priest, and Lucinda Page.

Joel Wellington was educated in the district schools. Since reaching manhood, he has been engaged in the manufacture of lumber and woodenware. He was for some years associated with others, but in 1871 became the sole proprietor. Besides his large box manufactory he also conducts a general store. He represented this district in the legislature of 1873-74, and was again elected in 1893. For several years he was Selectman, and he has been a Justice of the Peace since 1871. He cast his first Presidential vote for General Scott in 1852, and has supported the Republican party since its formation.

On November 30, 1854, Mr. Wellington was joined in marriage with Harriet E. Ramsdell, a daughter of Amos Ramsdell. Mrs. Wellington has been the mother of three children, one of whom died in infancy. The survivors are: Herbert D. and Arthur J., both of whom are connected with their father's business. Herbert D. Wellington married Harriet A. Wright, and has one daughter, Bertha E. Arthur J. Wellington married Susie E. Lloyd, and his children are: Ida Maud, Alice Georgie, Beatrice Agnes, and Ralph A. J. Wellington. Mr. Wellington is connected with the Masonic fraternity, the Order of the Golden Cross, and the Patrons of Husbandry. His religious belief is that of the Methodists.

**L**UCIAN D. TINKER, of Marlow, an enterprising dealer in drugs and medicines, was born in this town, October 20, 1847, son of Lauren and Hannah C. (Glidden) Tinker. The first of the name to settle in Marlow was Elijah Tinker, Lucian D. Tinker's grandfather, who came from Connecticut, and followed general farming here for the rest of his life. He married Elizabeth Comstock, and with her reared four children—Lauren, Nathan, Leonard, and Lucinda. Nathan, who was in the

meat business in New London, Conn., married Mary Stone, and had two children. Leonard, who resided upon a farm in Nashua, N.H., married for his first wife Mary Gee, who bore him five children. His second marriage was made with Rebecca Roby. Lucinda Tinker became the wife of Dexter Bradford, a farmer of Charlestown, N.H., and had one daughter.

Lauren Tinker, born in 1809, was an industrious farmer. Also an estimable citizen, it was his custom to clearly and forcibly express his opinions on matters of public importance at town meetings, and he served as a Selectman for a number of terms. He was an active member of the Christian church, was deeply interested in charitable and religious work, and a close student of the Bible. At his death, which occurred in 1895, he was about eighty-six years old. His wife, Hannah, born in Unity, N.H., November 22, 1811, was a daughter of Colonel Ezra Glidden, a well-known resident of that town in his day. She became the mother of four children, born as follows: Alva G., August 17, 1838; Milan L., June 23, 1843; and Lucius Duett and Lucian Duane, who were twins, October 20, 1847. Alva G., who lost an arm while serving in the Civil War, and is now residing in Milford, N.H., was formerly in the stove and tinware business. He married Mrs. Nellie Tinker, the widow of his brother, Milan L. Milan L. Tinker, who was a farmer in Marlow, enlisted in the Union army for service in the Civil War, and died at Alexandria, Va., August 3, 1864. He married Nellie Dunkley. Lucius D., who is a teamster in Nashua, married Etta A. Keyes, and has one daughter, Nettie H. Mrs. Lauren Tinker died in June, 1871.

After acquiring his education in Marlow, Lucian D. Tinker was for some years engaged in teaming. Afterward he followed farming in Alstead for four years and in Marlow for seven years. Then he resumed his former occupation of teamster, and had worked at it for seven years, when he bought the drug store formerly carried on by E. N. Howe. This store he has since prosperously conducted. Mr. Tinker was Postmaster four years, has

been Second Selectman for five years, and is the Town Treasurer. He has occupied the principal chairs in the local lodge of Odd Fellows, and he is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry. In religious belief he is a Methodist.

Mr. Tinker married Addie G. Brown. She was born in Alstead, February 28, 1857, daughter of Nathaniel Brown, who was then seventy-five years old. Mr. Brown, born in 1782, died in 1876. The maiden name of his first wife was Clarinda Huntley. His second wife, Eleanor L. Gee Brown, who was born September 17, 1815, died August 4, 1881.

**O**RLANDO WARREN SPAULDING, a prosperous general farmer and proprietor of one of the best known summer boarding-houses in Pelham, Hillsboro County, was born in this town, April 8, 1839, son of Abram and Elizabeth (Gibson) Spaulding. (The father was a native of Billerica, Mass., born May 15, 1800, and in his earlier years was a mill operator. In 1837 he settled in Pelham, where he followed agriculture for the rest of his life. He was one of the able farmers and useful citizens of the town, and served with ability as a member of the Board of Selectmen. In politics originally a Whig, he joined the Republican party on its formation. He attended the Congregational church. His death, which occurred March 8, 1876, when he was seventy-five years old, was much regretted. His wife, Elizabeth Gibson Spaulding, was a native of Pelham; and her birth took place upon the farm which is now owned by her son, Orlando W., April 6, 1806. She became the mother of nine children—Abram, Mary E., Lydia M., George, Orlando W., Clara A., Edward, Henry A., and Hannah A. Of these the only survivors are: Orlando W., the subject of this sketch; Clara A.; and Hannah A. The mother died September 18, 1889.)

Orlando Warren Spaulding was educated in the schools of Pelham, and when a young man he worked upon farms in this neighborhood. For two years he was engaged in the wood business in Lawrence, but his principal occu-

pations have been farming and lumbering. In 1867 he bought the homestead farm of one hundred and fifty acres, upon which he has since resided. He tills the soil during the summer season, and in winter he carries on lumbering operations. For several years past his farm has been a favorite resort for summer boarders; and its pleasant and airy location, from which on a clear day may be seen in the distance the cities of Nashua, Lowell, Andover, and Boston, makes it especially adapted to that purpose. There is a constant demand upon him for rooms during the heated term, and the number of his guests is only limited by his accommodations.

On June 25, 1863, Mr. Spaulding was united in marriage with Mary P. Hamblett, of Methuen, Mass., daughter of Amos and Nancy (Marsh) Hamblett. Both her parents are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding have no children living. Politically, Mr. Spaulding is a Republican, and he has ably served the town as a member of the Board of Selectmen. He is connected by membership with the Pilgrim Fathers, and with Pelham Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

**J**OHN J. RUEFER, of the firm of Hagen & Ruefer, piano manufacturers, Peterboro, is a native of Germany, where he was born June 9, 1863, son of Adam and Zirhr (Dora) Ruefer. The father, also a native of Germany, born in 1834, who was at first a farmer, later conducted a grainning-mill, and afterward engaged in the manufacture of bricks. He came to America, but after about three years returned to his native land, where he is still living. Of his four children three are deceased.

John Ruefer was educated in Germany. Upon leaving school, he learned the trade of cabinet-maker and worked at it in Germany for five years. After coming to this country in 1881, he learned the general trade of carpenter in New York City and later that of piano key maker, at which he worked up to 1884. Then he formed a partnership with his brother, Sebastian, and Charles Hagen, under the name of the New York Piano Key Com-

pany, and engaged in the manufacture of piano keys in the city of New York up to 1895, when they removed to Peterboro. In 1893 also the partnership of Hagen & Ruefer was formed for the manufacture of pianos. Although these pianos are a recent make, they have gained a reputation, which is constantly widening, for brilliancy of tone and admirable workmanship. Both partners are expert and skilled workmen, and personally superintend every department of their factory. Under their constant watchfulness it is impossible for any instrument to leave their warehouse imperfectly finished.

Mr. Ruefer was married October 25, 1884, to Barbara Endres, of Germany. They have three children—Edwin, Lillian, and Emma. Mr. Ruefer is energetic, progressive, and of unimpeachable integrity. His hospitality, which is a heritage from his German ancestry, has won him many friends; and his genial nature makes him popular in the town.

**A**NDREW J. CROOKER, Hillsboro's Representative in the New Hampshire legislature and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Bath, Me., March 29, 1832, son of Robert and Sarah (Hall) Crooker, both also natives of Bath. The paternal grandfather, Moses Crooker, whose father was lost at sea, in consequence of that misfortune began to work for his living at an early age. He acquired the blacksmith's trade, which he followed in Bath for many years, and died at the age of fifty-six. His wife, whose maiden name was McFarland, bore him seven children.

Robert Crooker, the eldest child of Moses, enlisted in the Maine Volunteers for service in the War of 1812, when he was fourteen years old, and was detailed to serve as captain's waiter. After leaving the army he followed the sea, became a ship-master, and was for a number of years engaged in the West India trade, making a specialty of bringing tropical fruits to the United States. At the age of sixty he retired from the sea; and, purchasing a farm in Wrentham, Mass., he tilled the soil for the rest of his active period. His

last days were spent with his son in Hillsboro, and he lived to be eighty-seven years old. In his later years he voted with the Republican party. His wife, Sarah, became the mother of eight children, of whom the only survivors are: Andrew J. and Jane. Mrs. Robert Crooker died at the age of eighty-six years.

After acquiring his education in Canterbury, N.H., Andrew J. Crooker went to Boston, learned the ship-joiner's trade, and afterward followed that calling for three years. Then he came to Hillsboro, and in 1862 enlisted as a private in Company D, Eleventh Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, for service in the Civil War. He participated in the battle of Fredericksburg, the sieges of Vicksburg and Jackson, Miss., the Wilderness campaign, and the capture of Petersburg. He was wounded in the left shoulder at Fredericksburg, and while in front of Petersburg was struck in the right side by a minie ball. These injuries were of a more or less serious nature, and he now receives a pension. He was discharged on June 1, 1865. Returning to Hillsboro, he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and some time later bought his present farm, which contains two hundred acres of excellent land. He carries on general farming, and is regarded as one of the progressive and successful agriculturists of this town. In politics he is a Republican. He served as clerk of the School Board for a number of years, and was elected Representative to the legislature in 1896.

On September 1, 1856, Mr. Crooker was joined in marriage with Lucy A. Jones, daughter of John Jones, of Roxbury, Mass. Mrs. Crooker is the mother of six children; namely, Lizzie, Robert G., Harriett G., Lucy M., Sarah J., and Andrew P. Lizzie is now the wife of Fred B. Putnam, of Wilton, N.H., and has three children—Edith, Fred E., and Ida. Robert G. married Edna Horn, of Manchester, N.H., and has two children—Hattie and Ethel. Harriett G. married W. F. West, of Hillsboro. Lucy M. is now Mrs. James O. Carr, of Antrim, N.H., and her children are: Andrew J. and Aura. Sarah J. married Frank L. Straw, of Contoocook, N.H., and

has two children — Lucy and Bernice. Andrew P. wedded Mary Woods, of Hillsboro. Mr. Crooker has occupied the important chairs of Valley Lodge, No. 43, I. O. O. F., and is a Past Commander of Post No. 25, G. A. R., of this town.

**G**EORGE G. TOLFORD, senior member of the firm of Tolford & Mathews, Wilton, was born in Bedford, N.H., July 17, 1860, son of Elbridge G. and Nancy Jane (Stewart) Tolford. His great-grandfather, Major John Tolford, who was a Scotch-Irishman, emigrated to America in 1729, and settled in Chester, N.H., where he cleared a farm and tilled the soil for the rest of his active period. Born in May, 1700, John died May 10, 1790. He married Jean, daughter of Alexander McMurphy, and became the father of nine children. Hugh, the seventh child, who, born December 22, 1747, died April 25, 1823, married Elizabeth, daughter of the Hon. Matthew Patten, and became the father of four children.

William Tolford, the second child of John and the grandfather of George G., was born in Chester, October 2, 1795. For several years he carried on a farm in that town. Subsequently he moved his family to Bedford, where he continued to follow agriculture for the rest of his life; and he died May 9, 1867. He married Sally Patten, a grand-daughter of the Matthew Patten who was one of the original surveyors of the State of New Hampshire. William and Sally Tolford reared two sons — Elbridge G. and Dewitt C. Dewitt C. Tolford afterward married Mrs. Kate Fales. Elbridge G. Tolford, the father of George G., was born in Bedford, May 9, 1829, and was reared to agriculture, which he still follows in that town. He owns a good farm, and is one of the best known residents of Bedford. He was for two years a member of the Board of Selectmen, serving as its chairman one year. In politics he is a Democrat. His wife, Nancy, who was a daughter of Moses Stewart, of Amherst, N.H., became the mother of three children — George G., Frank W., and William M. Frank W. married

Jennie Lampher, a native of Vermont, and has two children — Annie and Doris. William M. married Sophia Jones, of Malden, Mass., and has one child, Helen. Mrs. Elbridge G. Tolford died at the age of forty years.

George G. Tolford resided at home until he was twenty years old. Then he went to New Boston, where he was engaged in farming for six years. From New Boston he came to Wilton, and for four years was employed by S. H. Dunbar in the meat business. In 1890 the present firm of Tolford & Mathews was established, and has since conducted a thriving business in meat and provisions. An active supporter of the Democratic party, he takes a lively interest in local affairs. He has been chief of the fire department for three years, and he was elected a Selectman in 1895, and is now serving his third term.

On October 27, 1886, Mr. Tolford was joined in marriage with Emma Flynn, of Jersey City, N.J. Mrs. Tolford is now the mother of two children — Carl S. and Elizabeth C. Mr. Tolford is at the present time Junior Warden of Clinton Lodge, F. & A. M., of Wilton, and is a member of King Solomon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Milford, N.H. He is also connected with Laurel Lodge, I. O. O. F., of this town. He has made his way in life through his own exertions, and is highly esteemed as an upright, business man.

**R**OCKWELL F. CRAIG, an enterprising lumber manufacturer of Marlow and a member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Ryegate, Vt., April 30, 1852, son of Robert M. and Nancy (Keenan) Craig. His grandfather, John Craig, was a lifelong resident of Ryegate, and a miller by occupation.

Robert M. Craig, who also spent his life in Ryegate, owned and industriously cultivated a good farm until his death, which occurred in the prime of life. He married Nancy Keenan, who was born March 19, 1826, daughter of Daniel Keenan, a native of the Scotch Highlands. Left with eight children by the death

of her husband, she sold the property in Ryegate, and moved to another farm in Topsham, Vt. This, with the assistance of her eldest sons, she carried on until 1862, when they enlisted for service in the Civil War. She then disposed of the property, and took up her residence in the village, where she died in January, 1880. Her children were: Parker, Daniel, Martha, Albert, William P., Margaret J., Rockwell F., and Ella M. Parker died in infancy; Daniel died in Libby Prison; Martha died aged seventeen years; Albert, who is employed in a whetstone factory in Woodsville, N.H., married Kate Haslett, and has two children; William P. was killed in the late war; Margaret lives in Lowell, Mass.; Ella M. is the wife of Forest R. Mills, the overseer of the Old Colony Boiler Works, and resides in Wollaston, Mass.

After leaving the schools of Topsham, Vt., Rockwell F. Craig was employed in a saw-mill until he was sixteen years old. He then entered the railroad service, and in time became a locomotive engineer. In the latter capacity he was employed for thirteen years by the Northern New Hampshire and the Mexican Central Railroads. About eleven years ago he left the railway service, and, locating in Lempster, N.H., he was for five years engaged in the manufacture of card backs, chair stock, and lumber for building purposes. From Lempster he moved to Marlow, where he has prosperously carried on the same business for the past six years. After having been Supervisor and legislative Representative of Lempster, he is now serving Marlow in the same capacities. In the legislature he has been a valuable member of the Committee on State Prison. In the Masonic fraternity he has advanced to the Commandery, being a member of Hugh de Payens Knights Templar. He also belongs to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Patrons of Husbandry. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian.

Mr. Craig married Lizzie A. Buzwell, daughter of Daniel B. Buzwell, of Acworth, N.H. Mrs. Craig is the mother of two children, namely: Willie P., born September 19, 1876; and Jennie E., born October 25, 1878.

Willie P. is attending Cushing Academy, Ashburnham, Mass.; and Jennie E. is residing at home.

**H**TON. T. NELSON HASTINGS, a prominent citizen of Cheshire County, New Hampshire, residing in Walpole, State Senator for the biennial term, 1897-98, was born in Cambridge, Mass., May 23, 1858, son of T. Nelson, Sr., and Harriett M. (Holland) Hastings. His paternal grandfather, Thomas Hastings, was a very successful merchant, and resided in East Cambridge, Mass. He was for a number of years in business with Thomas Dana, under the firm name of Hastings & Dana, wholesale grocers. Thomas Hastings's first wife was the first adult buried in Mount Auburn Cemetery, since so famous as the burial-place of Lowell, Longfellow, and a host of other distinguished Americans.

Mr. T. Nelson Hastings, Sr., who died when his son Nelson was only nine months old, was a man of much influence, and was for years a member of the Commercial Exchange in Boston, residing in Cambridge. By his first wife, Emma Coffin, he had three sons; and by his second wife, Harriett M. Holland, he had two sons — Edward H. and T. Nelson Hastings. Edward H. Hastings died March 4, 1889, in Walpole, where he was at the time visiting. He was interested in the Electric Motor Company of Philadelphia. His wife was Mary H., daughter of Tyler B. Gaskell, a well-known hotel man of Boston.

Mr. Hastings's great-grandfather on his mother's side was Dr. Abraham Holland, a graduate of Dartmouth College, and the third physician to practise in Walpole. A man of much prominence in his profession, he practised medicine in this town for forty years. His son Ephraim, born in 1790, was in the War of 1812. He kept the Phoenix Hotel at Keene, and Holland's Coffee House in Boston. He married Nancy, the daughter of the Rev. Samuel Mead, and had eight children, namely: Henry E.; Harriett M., born March 18, 1826; Edward M.; Daniel D.; Orlando S.; Frederick H.; George B.; and William W.



T. NELSON HASTINGS.



Henry E. Holland studied medicine, and was a surgeon in the Civil War.

Upon the death of her husband Mrs. Harriett M. Hastings removed with her children to Walpole, where her son, T. Nelson, the subject of this sketch, acquired his elementary education in the public schools. He afterward attended Warren Academy at Woburn, Mass., and later the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he pursued a course in architecture. From 1882 to 1888 Mr. Hastings lived on North, now Massachusetts, Avenue, in Cambridge, and was engaged in various business enterprises in Boston. In 1882 he built the Bijou Theatre in that city, and conducted it with George Tyler as stage manager. Later he sold it to Mr. Whipple, who in turn sold it to Mr. B. F. Keith. While owner of the Bijou, Mr. Hastings introduced Edison's electric lighting system. Being a warm personal friend of Mr. Edison and having the fullest confidence in his ability, he became a pioneer in introducing his new invention to the public, putting in over seven hundred lights. He also placed in the theatre six magnificent chandeliers that had been made to be sent to Egypt. During this time, also, Mr. Hastings was interested in the Boston Tobacco Company, and was for three years its president.

He was a charter member of the old Boston Bicycle Club, and at the first bicycle race ever held in Suffolk County, at Chestnut Hill, he took the first prize. Mr. Hastings is six feet, four inches in height, and he rode a sixty-inch wheel, making a striking and handsome figure. In 1880, with four other members, he made a cycling trip abroad. This was the first trip of the kind; and the "Fortunate Five," as they were termed, were entertained, officially and individually, by the members of the Bicycle Club of London, then composed exclusively of men of wealth and of noble family. The five were feted and lionized and invited to state residences and to palaces, and were made members of the Bicycle Touring Club of England. They remained three months in England, from May, 1880, to August of the same year. Mr. Hastings's companions were: Dr. F. A. Adams, of Worcester; Frank W.

Weston, formerly called "Papa Weston"; Joe Deane, a lawyer of Boston; and George C. Thomas, of Philadelphia. Mr. Hastings extended the trip, making a pleasure tour in Germany and Switzerland and other countries, not carrying with him his wheel.

Mr. Hastings is an earnest Republican, and was elected to the Senate on the Republican ticket, receiving the largest vote in town, this including, of course, many Democratic votes. Since taking his seat, he has been made chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, secretary of the Education Committee, and secretary of the Committee on Incorporations, and a member of the Committee on Labor. He is extremely popular on account of his genial and amiable qualities and his liberal hospitality, and with his commanding height and presence he makes a notable figure at the State Capitol. Mr. Hastings is a good judge of horse flesh, and is said to be one of the most skilful of four-in-hand whips, his four beautiful coal black horses constituting one of the finest four-in-hand teams in the State. This has been seen on many occasions at fairs, where it has always made one of the chief features of interest.

Since Mr. Hastings took up his residence in Walpole in 1888, he has taken a most active interest in the affairs of the town, and has identified himself in every way with its social and educational life. He has been a member of the School committee for some years. The grading of the yard in front of the school building which joins his property was done at his expense. He is a liberal supporter of the Unitarian church in Walpole, and is chairman of its Executive Committee. For a while he sang in the church choir, and he has assisted materially in placing the church finances in good condition. He was an interested mover in placing in the church the three-thousand-dollar organ, which was the gift of Mr. G. A. Stearns, and in raising the salary of the minister. He is a loyal and active member of the Masonic fraternity.

On July 14, 1882, Mr. Hastings married Amy, daughter of Hudson E. Bridge, who was born on the site of the present town library of Walpole, which was erected and

given the town in his honor. Mr. Bridge taught school in Walpole when a young man, and then removed to St. Louis. He saw the possibilities of the growing city, and, taking advantage of business opportunities, he became one of its wealthiest manufacturers. He was twice married, first to Isabella Holland, by whom he had two children—Isabella and Emma; and, second, to Hellen Holland, sister of the first Mrs. Bridge. By the second wife were four children—Hudson E., Harrison P., Mary, and Amy. Hudson E. Bridge, who now has a handsome summer residence at Walpole, is president of the Bridge & Beech Manufacturing Company of St. Louis. He married Helen Durkee, of St. Louis. Harrison P., deceased, married Caroline G. Tobey, of Walpole, who survives him. Mary married N. C. Chapman, of St. Louis. Mrs. Amy Bridge Hastings died April 3, 1895, and as a memorial to her Mr. Hastings has had erected the beautiful Parish House for the Unitarian Society. This is a handsome two-story building well equipped for social purposes in every needed detail, having among other conveniences a stage with curtain and scenery arranged in the best possible manner. This house was designed by Mr. Hastings, and was dedicated January 29, 1896.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hastings, and four of them are now living; namely, Thomas N., Jr., Hudson Bridge, Russell, and Henry Winthrop.

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**D**AVID ATWOOD PAIGE, a highly respected citizen of Goffstown, Hillsboro County, residing on the old Paige farm, where he was born March 20, 1844, is a son of John Goff and Nancy Miller (Campbell) Paige.

The Paiges came originally from England. James Paige, the progenitor of the Goffstown branch of the family, which is one of the oldest in Hillsboro County, is said to have had two brothers, one of whom settled with him in this town. The farm now owned by David Atwood Paige is the one that was cleared by James Paige, who was his great-grandfather, it having always remained in the possession

of the descendants. James Paige was in the Revolutionary War; and Jonathan Paige, one of his sons, was in the War of 1812.

Benjamin Paige, son of James and father of John Goff Paige, was born in Goffstown, and spent his life here as an agriculturist. He succeeded his father, James, in the ownership of the homestead. His wife, whose maiden name was Betsey Goff, was a kinswoman of the Goffs for whom this place was named. John Goff Paige, who was born about the year 1803, remained with his parents; and his life was spent on this farm, which he carried on after his father gave up active labor. Being industrious, and possessing good business ability, he was successful in his chosen vocation. In polities he was a Republican, in religion a Congregationalist and a member of the church. He died here in 1859, aged fifty-six years, survived by Nancy M., his wife, who died in 1880, aged seventy-three years. They had eight children, of whom four are living, namely: Isaac J., in Goffstown; J. Frank, in Keene, N.H.; David A., in Goffstown; and Sarah A., in Templeton, Mass. The deceased are: Francis N., Martha J., Harlan E., and Henry C. The two last named were in the Union army during the Rebellion, Harlan E. being a member of Company E, Fourth New Hampshire Regiment; and Henry C., of Company H, Third New Hampshire Regiment. Both died from the effects of their service.

David Atwood Paige was educated in the public schools of Goffstown, including the high school. When about seventeen years old, in August, 1861, he enlisted with his brother, Henry C., under Captain Robert C. Dow, in Company H, Third New Hampshire Regiment. He was in many battles, the principal ones being: Secessionville, Charleston, siege of Morris Island, Fort Sumter, Fort Wagner, James Island, Bluffton, and Hilton Head, all in South Carolina; Laurel Hill, Chapin Farm, Thatcher's Run, Deep Run, Deep Bottom, Petersburg, and Bermuda Hundred, in Virginia; and Port Fisher, Wilmington, N. E. Creek, and Goldsboro, in North Carolina. He was wounded four times, first at Secessionville, twice at Morris Island, and

fourth at Drury's Bluff, Va. Made a prisoner at Pinekney Island, South Carolina, on August 24, 1861, he was taken first to McPhersonville, from there to Hardyville, thence to Columbia, and finally to Libby Prison, Richmond. He was paroled in October, 1862, and exchanged the following December, having been a prisoner about four months. He was honorably discharged on August 2, 1865, after the close of the war. Returning to Goffstown, he bought the home farm, which contains about one hundred acres, and has since resided here. He has built a new set of buildings from plans made by himself and under his superintendence. Mr. Paige has been in the employ of the Manchester Locomotive Works for the past twenty-seven years, and is now foreman of the wood department at Manchester.

On New Year's Day, 1873, Mr. Paige was joined in marriage with Miss Ella F. Harrington, who was born in Manchester, N.H., August 13, 1854, a daughter of Samuel C. and Nancy (Hastings) Harrington. Her father was born November 3, 1816, in New York State, and died at Manchester, November 19, 1879. He was a shoemaker by trade, but spent the last years of his life in farming. In politics he was a Republican, in religion a zealous Methodist; and he was also an active temperance worker. Mrs. Paige's mother was born in Bristol, N.H., October 23, 1817, and is now living. She married Samuel C. Harrington, November 24, 1842, and had five children, of whom Charles M. and Iziana V. have passed away. The living are: Charles M. Harrington, of Augusta, Ga.; Ella F., Mrs. Paige; and Josephine A., wife of Myron Browley, of Plymouth, N.H. Mr. and Mrs. Paige have six children living, namely: Josephine E., born June 12, 1874; David E., a member of the P. of H., born October 4, 1876; Jennie M., born June 30, 1879; Flora A., born March 16, 1883; Florence E., born October 28, 1886; and Bertha R., born September 10, 1888. Edith J., born May 10, 1885, died July 11, 1885. David E., the only son, now carries on the home farm.

Mr. Paige is a Republican in politics.

Fraternally, he is a member of Bible Lodge, F. & A. M., at Goffstown, of which he has been Master; Lewis Bell Post, No. 3, G. A. R., at Manchester, of which he has been Commander; Security Lodge, No. 8, A. O. U. W., at Manchester; and the Manchester War Veterans, of which he was Captain three years, and has held all the other offices.

**G**ARDNER CALEB HILL, M.D., a well-known physician of Keene, was born in Winchester, this county, March 20, 1829. His parents were Caleb and Polly (Howard) Hill, of that place. Caleb was a son of Jonathan Hill, who moved from East Douglas, Mass., to Winchester, where he married a Miss Combs, who was a resident of that place. When Caleb married Polly Howard, who was a grand-daughter of one of the pioneer settlers, he went to live on her father's farm. Well-known and esteemed in that section of the country, his death at the age of fifty-eight years, caused by injuries received in an accident, was regretted by the community. He had seven children—Maria, Sophia, Gardner C., Jonathan O., Elmira, Maria (second), and Laura.

Gardner C. Hill passed his boyhood on the home farm in Winchester, receiving his early education in the common schools of that town and in a private school. Later he studied at Chesterfield Academy, Mount Caesar Seminary, and Saxton's River Seminary, Vermont. Like many of our professional men born a half-century or more ago, he began life as a school teacher, and taught for about twenty terms in Swanzey, Keene, and Winchester. His last engagement was in the old Winchester High School, where he had formerly been a student. While teaching he read medicine with Dr. Comings, of West Swanzey. Subsequently he completed the course of Castleton Medical College, Vermont, and graduated from that institution in the class of 1856. He began the active practice of medicine at Warwick, Mass., where he remained for ten years. In 1866 he took a post-graduate course at Harvard Medical School, and in the summer of 1867 he

came to Keene and opened an office. Dr. Hill is a member of the State Medical Societies of both Massachusetts and New Hampshire, of the Cheshire County Medical Society, and of the Connecticut River Valley Medical Association. He has retained an active interest in all matters pertaining to public instruction, and has been constantly connected in some official capacity with the public schools. He was on the School Board in Warwick, and has been on that of Keene for the past twenty years more or less. He twice resigned the office, but subsequently resumed in compliance with urgent solicitation. For a number of years Dr. Hill has been city and county physician, one of the medical staff of Elliot City Hospital since that institution started, and the secretary of the Keene Board of Examining Surgeons of Pensions. A loyal Republican, he has served his party as a delegate to State conventions. For some years he was County Commissioner and County Treasurer, respectively. In these two positions he made a large acquaintance and gained many friends. He is president of the Republican Club of Ward Four, and has been for two years the president of the Common Council, representing Ward Four.

The Doctor first married Miss Rebecca F. Howard, of Walpole. She was educated at the Female Seminary in Newbury, Vt., and afterward taught in the high-grade schools. After her marriage she read medicine with her husband, and in 1863 graduated at the Woman's Medical College in Boston. She became devoted to the practice of medicine and assisted Dr. Hill. Her death from consumption terminated an unusually successful career. Dr. Hill was married a second time, in 1893, to Miss Carrie R. Hutchins, also a native of Walpole and a teacher. Miss Hutchins had been educated at Keene, and had taught school for some terms. During the two years preceding her marriage she was assistant cashier in the bank. Dr. and Mrs. Hill are identified with the First Church, and are active promoters of every good cause. They have had two adopted children: William H. Hill, of Keene; and Rebie E., now deceased.

CHARLES BOYNTON GOODWIN, one of the most influential men of Mason, was born in Brookline, N.H., January 17, 1851, son of the late Rev. Daniel Goodwin and his wife, Martha (Boynton) Goodwin. He traces his descent back through four or five generations. His great-great-grandfather, Daniel Goodwin, who came to this country from England, settled in Newburyport, Mass. His great-grandfather, David Goodwin, who went from Rowley, Mass., to Londonderry, N.H., in the year 1787, settled there as a farmer. David's wife, in maidenhood Mehitable Jackson, had seven children. Joshua, grandfather of Mr. Charles Goodwin, was the fifth.

Joshua Goodwin, the fifth child of David, born in Rowley, July 30, 1779, was a farmer of Londonderry. He was also a shoemaker, and he worked at that trade at various times. A devoted and active member of the Presbyterian church, he served in the capacity of Deacon for many years. He was one of the old-time Whigs and a stanch supporter of his party. The first of his three marriages was contracted with Rebecca Jones, who bore him two sons. His second wife, Elizabeth, a sister of Rebecca, had three children, among whom was the Rev. Daniel Goodwin. His third marriage was made with Annie Melvin, a widow, who had no children.

The Rev. Daniel Goodwin was born January 25, 1809, at Londonderry. He was finely educated and a college graduate. After attending the common schools, he took a course in the academy at Derry, N.H., and subsequently graduated from Dartmouth College in the class of 1835, and from Andover Theological Seminary in 1838. Settling for his first pastorate in Brookline, N.H., he was ordained there February 27, 1839, and afterward preached there until 1855. Then he came to Mason, where he was pastor of the Congregational church for eighteen years. His death occurred on December 30, 1893. The Rev. Mr. Goodwin always took an active part in the civil affairs of the town. In 1885-86 he was a member of the State legislature. For nine years he was Town Clerk. He was the Postmaster and a Justice of the Peace for twenty

years, and he also served as Notary Public and Superintendent of the Town Schools. Like his father, the Deacon, the Rev. Daniel Goodwin was thrice married. Julia Ann Shute Goodwin, the first wife, bore him four children—Sarah D., Lucy E., Julia A., and Daniel D. Sarah D. is the widow of Charles W. Tarbell, of Brooklyn, N.Y., and had two daughters—Sarah G. and Alice F., of whom Sarah G. is the wife of the Rev. C. F. H. Crathern, of Braintree, Mass., and Alice F. died June 18, 1887. Julia A. died at Mason, October 28, 1894. She was for some time a resident in the South, where she taught music and other branches of education, under the auspices of the American Missionary Association, and had returned home on account of ill health. Daniel D. Goodwin, who died May 24, 1884, was a member of the legislature in 1883. For about six years he carried on an extensive business in horns and hides in Colorado. He spent his last years in Mason. Lucy E. taught school for several years in Greenville and in the South, under the auspices of the American Missionary Association, and now resides with her brother, Charles Boynton Goodwin. Mrs. Julia Ann Shute Goodwin died at the age of thirty-six. She was a member of the Congregational church at Brookline, N.H. The Rev. Mr. Goodwin's second wife, Martha Boynton Goodwin, and the mother of the subject of this sketch, was a daughter of Major Eli Boynton, of Pepperell, Mass., and was the mother of three children, one of whom is now deceased. Henry A. is married to Emma F. Childs, and has five children; namely, Martha L., Ethel M., Otis D., Daniel, and Ruth. Residing at Hollis, N.H., he is an extensive farmer, has served as Selectman, is now serving on the School Board, and is a member of the Congregational church. Mrs. Martha Goodwin died at the age of sixty-two years. The Rev. Mr. Goodwin's third marriage was contracted with Mrs. Lucy I. Boynton, a widow of Pepperell, Mass., and a member of the Congregational church. She now resides in Pepperell, Mass.

Charles Boynton Goodwin has been a farmer all his life. Educated in the public schools of Brookline and Mason, he afterward worked

with his father, and is now a self-made man. He is owner of many broad acres and very prominent in all town affairs. He has held several minor offices, was a member of the School Board for a number of years, and has been chosen Town Clerk annually since 1883. In 1892 he was Selectman, and he has held the office of Postmaster since 1888. Mr. Goodwin is unmarried.

**B**ARZILLA RICHARDSON, a former railroad man, later a farmer and real estate dealer of Alstead, in the northern part of Cheshire County, was born on February 7, 1833, in Keene, N.H., his present place of residence. His parents were Barzilla and Lydia (Foster) Richardson.

It is a matter of history that three Richardson brothers—Ezekiel, Samuel, and Thomas—were among the early colonists of Massachusetts, Ezekiel coming over in 1630, it is thought, in Governor Winthrop's fleet, and at first making his home in Charlestown, Samuel and Thomas coming later, probably in 1636, and all three settling in Woburn, being with a few others, in 1642, founders of the church and town.

The Richardson Memorial volume of nine hundred and forty-four pages, by Vinton, says that the family is doubtless of Norman origin, and, quoting Burke's "Landed Gentry," adds, "It was settled in Norfolk, in Yorkshire, Durham, and perhaps other counties in England, as early as the sixteenth century, and had already arrived at eminence."

Samuel Richardson, from whom Mr. Barzilla Richardson, of Keene, is lineally descended, was born in England about 1610, and died March 23, 1658. He was Selectman in Woburn for six years, 1644, 1645, 1646, 1649, 1650, and 1651; and in 1645, it is said, he paid the highest tax in the town. His son Stephen was born in 1649; and Stephen's son, Stephen, Jr., born in 1675 or 1676, was the father of Dr. Amos Richardson, born in Billerica, Mass., in 1710. The next in this line was the Doctor's son Eri, born about 1740, at Pelham, Mass., who married Sarah Durant

in 1762, and was the first of the name to settle in Keene, N.H. His eldest child, Amos, second, grandfather of the subject of our sketch, was born at Keene, February 27, 1764.

He was the strongest man in the State, weighed more than two hundred and fifty pounds, was six feet tall, and very broad across the shoulders. He had a very large and muscular arm, with a hand not much longer than an ordinary man's hand, but wide across the back and very thick. In the year 1804 a meeting-house was being built in Swanzey, N.H., sixty feet in length and thirty-five feet in width. On the second day, in raising the second story, and in laying the beams of green timber, which were thirty-six feet long and eight by eight inches at the ends and eleven by eight inches in the centre, the master builder called upon Amos the giant, who was standing near, to assist. He moved it all alone amid the cheers of the astonished crowd. Amos Richardson married Phoebe Hill, and they had a family of ten children, all of whom were born in Swanzey. They were as follows: Josiah, born June 16, 1788; Abel, born August 22, 1790; Barzilla, Sr.; Aaron, born August 17, 1794; Levi, born 1796; Ruel, 1798; Amos, 1800; David, 1802; Charlotte, 1804; and Betsey, 1806.

Barzilla Richardson, Sr., father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Keene, June 21, 1792, and died April 19, 1850. He was educated in the schools of Swanzey, and after leaving school was a contractor and farmer, carrying on an extensive business. He married Lydia, daughter of Joel Foster, of Swanzey, in 1813, and she died June 22, 1880. Their children were ten in number, namely: Amos, born in 1815; Phoebe, born in 1817; Martha, in 1819; Joel, in 1823; Aaron, in 1825; Eri, in 1827; David, in 1829; Sarah, in 1831; Barzilla, in 1833; and Lydia A., in 1836. Of these ten there were, until recently, six strong sons, whose combined weight was over twelve hundred pounds, and who, with the husbands of four daughters, entered the railroad business when all were still young men, and made it their life work. The years of their employment amounted to a total of three hundred, an average of thirty years for a man.

Amos, the eldest son, after leaving school, began work, in 1831, on the Boston & Worcester Railroad, and in 1833 was track layer on the Boston & Albany Railroad. In 1849 he took charge of the building and laying of the tracks of the Cheshire Railroad, and was the first roadmaster of that road. Afterward he was roadmaster for one of the Western railroads. His first wife was Lucretia Albee, and his second wife was Juliette Turner. He had a family of six children, two by the first and four by the second marriage.

Phoebe Richardson married Charles Lakin, of Keene, and had three children. Mr. Lakin assisted in constructing the Boston & Worcester Railroad in 1832, and after that he was roadmaster of a Western road for thirty-one years. Martha Richardson became the wife of George W. Perry, who was for some time a master mechanic on the Cheshire road, and later was employed in a like capacity on the Delaware & Wilmington road, retiring after thirty-five years of service. Joel F. Richardson was in the employ of the Boston & Albany for twelve years, being roadmaster and contractor; and he afterward built eighteen miles of road to Cincinnati. He was a very valuable man, as superintendent receiving a salary of five thousand dollars a year. He married Mary Avery, of Grafton, who bore him five children.

Aaron Richardson was first fireman on the Cheshire road, and after firing for four months was put in charge of an engine. Later he was engineer on the 8.30 train out of Bellows Falls, and was known as one who was extremely careful, and yet whose train was always on time. He retired from the Illinois Central after twenty-one years of service. He married Maria E. Belding, and their home is in Hopkinton, Ia. They have six children.

Eri Richardson was twenty-six years in the railroad business. He was in the track department for many years, and for the last ten years of his service was a successful contractor and builder. Twenty years ago he invested fifty thousand dollars in Sioux City, Ia., where he now resides, and a larger amount in Western lands. He is president of a bank and a large stockholder, and has been very

prominent in the public affairs of Sioux City. He and his wife, formerly Eliza A. Thurston, have a family of six children.

David Richardson began his working life at the age of seventeen years, and is now in his fiftieth year of railroading. For nine years he was master of a road and for ten years general roadmaster. He is a large man, weighing about two hundred and fifty pounds. He resides in Indianapolis, where he is railroad yardmaster. He has been three times married, and has a family of several children. His first wife was Alvira Torrey, the second was Margaret S. Ray, and the third Mrs. Sarah J. Thomas.

Sarah Richardson married Niles Aldrich, who was conductor on the Cheshire road for ten years and was for many years locomotive engineer, making, all told, a service of about forty years. They have had one son. Lydia married George Cole, engineer on the Cheshire road and on the New York Central, working for twenty-two years. They have one child.

Barzilla Richardson was educated in the schools of Keene, and, beginning his working life at the age of nineteen, engaged for twenty years in railroading, being engineer, conductor, and having charge of construction on the Cheshire and on the Union Pacific, South Pacific, and Illinois Central roads. By his industry and good business ability he acquired a competence, of which he is well deserving. Since retiring from railroad work, in which he was considered one of the most skilful men, he has dealt in real estate, and has done some farming.

On February 20, 1856, Mr. Richardson married Sarah M. Goodnow, who has been the mother of five children—Ada, Sarah, Frank W., Jennie F., and Walter B. Ada, born November 30, 1857, is now Mrs. George Howe, of Keene, and mother of two children—Catherine and Phillip. Sarah, born October 17, 1859, lives at Keene. Frank W., born December 29, 1861, was drowned in his fourth year. Jennie F., born February 26, 1863, married Jere Weldman, who is City Clerk of Keene, Military State Inspector, and a member of the Governor's staff. They have

one son, Richard. Walter B. Richardson, born July 2, 1865, is a florist, residing at Keene, N.H. He is married, but has no children.



**R**EED P. WHITTEMORE, of Antrim, the local agent of the American Express Company, was born in this town, September 4, 1816, son of Jacob and Rebecca (Bradford) Whittemore. The father, who was born in Greenfield, N.H., October 12, 1770, spent the greater part of his life in Antrim. He was not only a prosperous farmer, but his natural ability and sound judgment were made use of by his fellow-townersmen in important public offices. They sent him to the legislature for the years 1818-19, 1838-39, and 1840. He was appointed High Sheriff of Hillsboro County, August 9, 1827, and reappointed in 1831; and in 1836 or 1837 he was made Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, in which capacity he served to the legal limit. In politics he was a Democrat. He died October 14, 1860. His wife, Rebecca, became the mother of six children, of whom Reed P. is the only one now living. She reached the age of eighty years. Both parents were members of the Congregational church at Hillsboro Bridge.

Reed P. Whittemore was educated in the schools of his native town. Afterward he taught school for two terms in Antrim and for the same length of time in Hillsboro. From that time until he was sixty years old he was engaged in farming in this town. Three years later he moved to the village, where he has since run the stage from the village to the depot. He has carried the United States mail since 1878, and for several years he has been the agent of the American Express Company.

On February 10, 1842, Mr. Whittemore married Sarah E. Dodge, of Bennington, N.H. Of the three children born to him Charles A. and George R. are living. Charles A. Whittemore is associated with his father in business, and drives the stage. He married Annie Woodbury, of Francestown, and has four children—Edwin J., William R., Martha

E., and Philip. George R., who lives in Dorchester, Mass., married Helen Grimes, of Hillsboro, and has one child, Henry E. Maria C. Whittemore, the third child, married Rodney Smith, and died August 6, 1887, leaving a daughter, Ida F. Smith. Mrs. Whittemore died September 15, 1889. Politically, Mr. Whittemore is a Democrat. He served upon the Board of Selectmen for ten years, represented the town in the legislature in 1857 and 1858, and also served in the capacity of Moderator at town meetings. Still smart and active, he attends to business every day. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, as was also his late wife.

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**D**R. CLARENCE JEAN ALLEN, a medical practitioner of Peterboro, was born July 24, 1853, in Pomfret, Vt., son of Edwin and Ruth (Keith) Allen. His great - great - grandfather was Elnathan Allen, who came from Connecticut, the first of the family to settle in Pomfret. Elnathan's son Gilbert, who cleared and cultivated the farm now occupied by Edwin Allen, was a successful trader in cattle, horses, and sheep, acquired a comfortable competence, was prominent in town affairs, and served in sundry public offices. By his wife, Lucy Winchell Allen, he was the father of five children, of whom Harry and Maria are living. John Allen, grandfather of Dr. Allen, married Eliza Fuller. Of their children Edwin, Henry C., Truman, Edgar, and James attained maturity.

Edwin Allen is a farmer, and lives on the old homestead where his father, himself, and his son were born. He owns one hundred and fifty acres of land, called the Highland Farm, and makes a specialty of producing a fine brand of creamery butter, having a large herd of Jersey cattle and every facility in the way of improved apparatus. His butter is widely known and eagerly sought for on account of its fine quality. At the present time he is one of the most successful farmers in the district. His success has been due to his industry and energy, coupled with good judgment and unquestionable integrity. Both he

and his wife are members of the Universalist Church of East Barnard, Vt., which he serves in the capacity of trustee. In politics he is an influential Republican, and he has been Constable and Tax Collector of the town for thirty years.

Clarence J. Allen went to school in Pomfret and then to the Green Mountain Perkins Academy at South Woodstock, Vt. Afterward he graduated in both courses at the Vermont State Normal School at Randolph in 1873. He then taught school in the State of Illinois for ten years, during a part of which time he was also studying medicine. Subsequently he took a course of medical lectures at the Dartmouth Medical College, and two courses in the medical department of the University of Vermont at Burlington. After graduating in 1884, he located in Waitsfield, Vt., where he practised for five years. He then went to New York City, and took a post-graduate course at the Post-graduate Medical School. From New York, in June, 1889, he came to Peterboro, where he has followed his profession up to the present time. In 1891 he took another post-graduate course at the Massachusetts General Hospital, and in 1893 and 1895 still further courses at the Boston City Hospital.

On August 31, 1875, Dr. Allen was married to Eva O. Joslyn, of Waitsfield, Vt., daughter of Cornelius E. Joslyn. Dr. and Mrs. Allen have one child, Clare Jean, who was born June 1, 1880. They are members and regular attendants of the Congregational church. In politics Dr. Allen is a Republican, and he takes much interest in town affairs. He has been chairman of the Board of Health for three years, and for five years secretary of the Library Committee in Peterboro, which is said to be the oldest free public library in the world. Dr. Allen is a member of the Order of American Mechanics, and has served in all the chairs of that fraternity. He is also a member of the American Medical Association, and of the Vermont, New Hampshire, and Cheshire County Medical Societies. He is medical examiner of the New York Life and of the Mutual Life Insurance Companies of New York, of the National

Insurance Company of Vermont, of the Union Mutual of Portland, Me., and of the Northwestern of Wisconsin. The lucrative practice acquired by Dr. Allen since coming to Peterboro is still increasing. He has many friends, who admire him for his personal qualities as well as for his professional skill and knowledge.

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**L**YMAN K. SAWTELLE, a well-known citizen of East Jaffrey, N.H., formerly connected with milling interests, was born in Lyndon, Vt., on April 11, 1842, son of Kinsley and Thankful (Watkins) Sawtelle. His paternal grandfather, Hezekiah Sawtelle, of Rindge, N.H., born February 26, 1761, a descendant of Richard Sawtelle, one of the first settlers of Groton, Mass., was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and was wounded. He was twice married, and had a large family of children, all by his first wife, Sarah Russell.

Kinsley Sawtelle, son of Hezekiah, was born at Rindge, N.H., on July 14, 1799. He acquired a practical education in the common schools, and subsequently learned the shoemaker's trade, and worked at it during the remainder of his life, at one time employing a large number of men. He lived at Barnet, Wells River, and at Lyndon, Vt. His wife, Thankful, who was born at Wendell, Mass., on February 21, 1801, died at Mason, N.H., on November 10, 1862. She was the daughter of Stephen Watkins, of Wendell, Mass., who served as a soldier in the Revolution and also in the War of 1812, in that war receiving a wound in the leg. Kinsley and Thankful Sawtelle were the parents of twelve children, as follows: Lyman K., Sarah J., Stephen E., Julia A., Lucius E., Julia A., Horace C., Charles H., Mary A., Emily E., Lyman K., and Henry J. The father died on January 8, 1864.

The eldest son, the first Lyman K., was born at Wendell, Mass., on November 2, 1820, and died at Lyndon, Vt., on January 28, 1834. Sarah J. Sawtelle was born at Greenwich, Mass., on May 22, 1822, married Helen Carpenter, and resides at Springfield, Vt. Ste-

phen E., who was born at Troy, N.H., on May 29, 1824, was married, and died on May 24, 1896. By occupation he was a railroad engineer, and he ran the first engine he ever saw. Julia A. was born at Keene, N.H., on May 7, 1826, and died on the second day of August of the following year. Lucius E. was born at Lyndon, Vt., on May 12, 1828. Julia A., second, was born at Lyndon on April 18, 1830, is now Mrs. Thomas Hayes, and resides at Greenville, N.H. By a former husband she is the mother of one son, George Edwin Shattuck, of Salem, Mass., inspector of cloth. Horace C., who was born at Lyndon on July 22, 1832, resides at Brooklyn, N.Y., and is employed by the Buttrick Pattern Company. Charles H. was born at Lyndon, on September 29, 1834, and died in February, 1883. Mary A. was born at Lyndon, on May 29, 1837, and died on April 17, 1896. She was the wife of Charles Howard, of Westminster, Mass., who is assistant superintendent of the Philadelphia & Baltimore Railroad. Emily E., who was born at Lyndon, on June 30, 1839, is now the wife of Samuel Oliver, an engineer, and resides at Athol, Mass. Henry J. was born at Lyndon, on July 2, 1845, is married, and resides at Northampton, Mass., where he has a meat market.

Lyman K. Sawtelle, the sixth son and eleventh child, was educated at Greenville and at Mason, N.H. He began to work in a cotton-mill at Greenville when only nine years of age, and remained there until he reached the highest position. For twelve years he had charge of the cloth room, size room, and dye room; and he was overseer for many years. In 1876 he removed to Jaffrey, where, having bought a farm, he remained twelve years, running his saw-mill. When the mill was started in East Jaffrey, he took charge of the same department that he had had charge of at Greenville. Eight years ago Mr. Sawtelle sold his farm to Mr. Gay, a wealthy New York gentleman; and since that time he has been acting as superintendent of the farm for Mr. Gay, who has expended about forty thousand dollars, and made large improvements on the estate.

Mr. Sawtelle married Mary J. Whitehead,

who was born in Newton, England, on October 23, 1844, daughter of John Whitehead. Mr. and Mrs. Sawtelle have three children—Henry H., May E., and Herbert C. Henry H. Sawtelle, who was born in Springfield, Mass., on April 21, 1865, resides in this town, and is engaged in running a lumber-mill. He and his wife, Emily Goodrich, have three children living—Robert H., Harold H., and Edna M.—and have been bereft of one, a son named Loring K. May E. Sawtelle, who was born at Greenville, N.H., on April 6, 1869, married Willard N. Sawyer, a mechanic of Winchendon, Mass., and has two children—Nettie M. and Ruth G. Herbert C., born in Greenville on May 10, 1871, is agent for Mr. Gay's farm. He is unmarried.

During the last year of the Civil War Mr. Sawtelle was a member of Company C, Third Regiment, Vermont Infantry, Second Corps, Second Division of the Army of the Potomac. He now draws a pension for rheumatism, caused by exposure and hardships while in the service. He belongs to George B. McClellan Post, G. A. R., No. 88, of Jaffrey, N.H. He is also a member of Charity Lodge, No. 18, F. & A. M., of East Jaffrey; King Solomon Chapter, R. A. M., No. 17, of Milford, N.H.; and Commandery No. 149, of the Order of the Golden Cross, at East Jaffrey. While living in Greenville, Mr. Sawtelle served for a number of years as Chief of Police and as District Clerk. He has never aspired to political preferment, but is actively interested in public affairs, and has served on the School Board of Jaffrey with credit to himself and the town. He attends the Universalist church.

**A**LBERT H. TAFT, M.D., a physician of high standing in Winchester, Cheshire County, N.H., and a Civil War veteran, was born in Nelson, N.H., December 23, 1837, son of Nathan and Achsa (Hardy) Taft. His great-grandfather Taft, who served in the Revolutionary War, was a native of Massachusetts; and Nathan Taft, Dr. Taft's grandfather, moved from Templeton, Mass., to Nelson, of which town he was a pioneer. He cleared a

large farm, which he cultivated with energy during the rest of his active years, and was one of the leading men of Nelson in his day, serving as a Representative in the legislature. He lived to be about ninety years of age. The maiden name of his wife was Betsey Bolton, and their children were: Betsey, who died young; Nathan, Jr.; Jerusha, who married Ira Robbins; Lavinia, who married Thomas Baker; Asa, who wedded Nancy Burnap; and Hollis Taft. Of these the only survivor is Hollis, a resident of Keene, who married Cynthia Adams, and has celebrated his golden wedding.

Nathan Taft, Jr., Dr. Taft's father, was born in Nelson, May 7, 1798. He became one of the stirring farmers and highly respected citizens of that town. He was three times married. His first wife, who was before marriage Sarah H. Barstow, died September 22, 1830; his second wife, Achsa Hardy, died February 19, 1849; and his third wife, Achsa Beal, died October 10, 1869. His children, three by his first and four by his second union, were: Betsey B., born June 29, 1826, who died July 31, 1844; Sarah A., born June 22, 1827, died May 5, 1872; Elbridge H., who was born July 29, 1830, and died in Keene, May 22, 1897; Edward N., born December 2, 1833; Curtis, born October 14, 1835; Albert H., M.D., the subject of this sketch; and Hardy S., born March 21, 1841. Sarah A. Taft married David A. Felt, Elbridge wedded Mary Baker, and Hardy married Susan Flint. Edward N. Taft enlisted in Company A, Second Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Civil War, and was killed in the battle of Williamsburg, May 5, 1862. He was a brave soldier, and the Grand Army of the Republic Post in Winchester was named in his honor.

Albert H. Taft received his early education in public and private schools, attended the Marlow Academy for one term, and finished his youthful studies at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N.H. On July 29, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company E, Ninth New Hampshire Infantry, with which he served until November 13, 1863, when he was discharged on account of impaired health.

He had seen much hard service, and had risen to the rank of Corporal, having participated in the battles of South Mountain, Antietam, and Fredericksburg, besides taking part in many skirmishes. Though suffering much from exposure, he had continued to report for duty until the state of his health became so alarming as to compel him to lay down his musket and seek medical aid. After recuperating he volunteered to do hospital duty, and continued in that branch of the service until the close of the war. A single incident of his army life sufficiently attests the sterling qualities of this citizen soldier, his readiness to do or die. During the battle of Antietam volunteers were called for to discover the whereabouts of the enemy on the left. Private Taft and his comrades attending to that perilous duty narrowly escaped capture, and, returning, reached their regiment in season to furnish the desired information and participate in the charge that followed.

Upon his return to Nelson he began the study of medicine under Drs. Nehemiah Rand and G. B. Twitchell. He afterward attended lectures at Dartmouth College, and later he entered the Maine Medical School connected with Bowdoin College, where he was graduated in 1867. After residing in Hancock, N.H., for five years, Dr. Taft in 1872 was induced to take the practice of a well-known physician in Winchester, where he has since remained; and his professional labors have proved both successful and remunerative.

On August 15, 1866, Dr. Taft married Mary L. Atherton, who was born in Winchester, January 10, 1845, daughter of Jonathan B. and Mary (Reed) Atherton. Mrs. Taft has been the mother of four children, as follows: Albert A., born in Hancock, October 26, 1867; Harry A., who was born in the same town, June 22, 1871, died June 28, 1872; Arthur Reed, born in Winchester, October 2, 1873, died February 10, 1876; and De Forrest R., born in Winchester, July 17, 1875. Albert A. Taft, who was graduated from the Dartmouth College Medical School, has been in attendance at St. Elizabeth's and the Carney Hospitals, Boston, and is now

at the hospital on Long Island, Boston Harbor.

Dr. Taft has displayed his mechanical genius to good advantage by inventing a jack for the raising of carriages, and his patent is considered valuable. His improvement in certain surgical appliances has been indorsed by competent authorities or surgeons in Boston, but he has not thought it worth while to secure a patent. The Doctor is a member of the New Hampshire State and Cheshire Medical Societies; is a Past Master of Philesian Lodge, No. 40, F. & A. M.; the Order of the Golden Cross; and the Patrons of Husbandry. He was the first Commander of Edward N. Taft Post, No. 19, G. A. R., of which he has held all of the important offices, and has contributed liberally toward the relief fund. He served as Superintendent of Schools while residing in Hancock, and has rendered able service upon the School Board in Winchester for eight years, having been its chairman two terms. He united with the Congregational church while attending school in Meriden, and his family also are members.



WILLIAM W. BUTLER, who occupies one of the oldest settled farms in Pelham, was born September 30, 1838, in the house he now occupies, son of Phineas and Betsey (Wyman) Butler. The Butler farm is a part of the original tract purchased of Joseph Blanchard in 1732 by Samuel Butler, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch. Samuel Butler, who was its first settler, made the original clearing, and erected the first house upon this property. [For a further account of the family's ancestors, see the biography of George S. Butler.] Caleb Butler, the grandfather, cultivated the property during the active period of his life.

Phineas Butler, born March 29, 1791, was a sturdy and industrious general farmer. He succeeded to the homestead. In his religious views he was a Congregationalist; and, politically, he acted with the Republicans during the latter years of his life. He died August 7, 1876. The first of his two marriages was contracted with Sarah Barker, a daughter of

Deacon Benjamin Barker. Born of that union were seven children, as follows: Benjamin, August 29, 1819; Sarah A., February 14, 1821; Asenath B., November 23, 1822; Justin E., January 30, 1825; Reuben M., March 24, 1827; John M., July 26, 1829; and Henry F., born January 4, 1831. Of these the only survivor is Sarah A., who is now Mrs. Brown, and resides in Lowell, Mass. The second wife was Betsey Wyman Butler, who, born in Pelham, March 3, 1799, died April 22, 1874. Her only child is William W., the subject of this sketch.

William W. Butler began his education in the schools of Pelham, and finished his studies at Phillips Andover Academy. He has been engaged in tilling the soil since he reached manhood, and is now the owner of the home-stead farm, which contains two hundred acres. Since the property came into his hands he has remodelled the buildings, and kept the soil in the high standard of fertility for which the place has long been noted. His residence occupies an excellent location upon high ground, overlooking the surrounding country.

On November 2, 1859, Mr. Butler was united in marriage with Abbie L. Coburn. She was born in Pelham, May 15, 1837, daughter of Gilbert and Cynthia (Spalding) Coburn, who were natives respectively of Pelham and Merrimac. Gilbert Coburn, born June 12, 1797, was a sturdy farmer, and ably represented his district in the legislature for two terms. In politics he was a Democrat. He died January 12, 1863, aged sixty-five years, seven months. His wife passed her last days with her daughter, Mrs. Butler, and died November 5, 1888, aged eighty-four years, seven months. They were members of the Congregational church. Mr. and Mrs. Butler have three children, namely: Arthur M., born July 9, 1869; Clarence E., born January 3, 1872; and Otis W., born March 6, 1874.

In politics Mr. Butler is independent. A thirty-second degree Mason, he is a member of Ancient York Lodge of Lowell, Lowell Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Ahasuerus Council of Royal and Select Masters, Pilgrim

Commandery of Knights Templar, and the Massachusetts Consistory. He is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Pilgrim Fathers. After a very busy life he partially retired from active labor some time ago. He attends the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Butler is a member.

**R**USSELL H. KITTREDGE, a prominent citizen of Jaffrey and one of the Board of County Commissioners for Cheshire County, was born at Nelson, N.H., on October 25, 1835, his parents being Herbert and Sally (Livermore) Kittredge. His grandfather, Joshua Kittredge, was born at Tewksbury, Mass.; and, having grown to manhood, he went to Nelson in the year 1797. A farmer by occupation, he also ran a saw-mill, and did considerable lumbering. He was twice married. By his second marriage there were nine children—namely, Charlotte, Abel, Herbert, Mary, Nancy, Emily, Joshua, Harriet, and Stephen; and by the first, three, whose names are not known.

Herbert Kittredge was born in Nelson in April, 1800. Receiving his education at the district school, he remained at the parental home; and, when his father's strength failed by reason of advancing years, he assumed the management of the farm and the care of his father's interests. He carried on general farming, but made a specialty of raising potatoes and barley. He was a member of the Congregational church and a liberal supporter of its varied activities. He died in February, 1855. His wife, Sally, who was a daughter of William Livermore, of Alstead, N.H., was born in 1807, and died in 1877. Their seven children were named as follows: Harriet E., William, Russell H., Helen, Edwin L., Mary J., and Sarah A.

Russell H., now the only surviving member of the family, attended the public schools of Nelson in his childhood and youth, and at the time of his father's last illness was preparing for college. Summoned to his father's death-bed, he gave him the promise that he would remain on the farm and look out for his

mother and sister. This promise he faithfully kept, remaining on the farm until 1877, when he came to Jaffrey, which has since been his home. Mr. Kittredge while in Nelson held every public office in the gift of his townspeople. He was Selectman in 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, and 1873; and in 1874-75 he represented the town in the legislature, being there a member of the Committees on Insurance and on Roads and Bridges. Since coming to Jaffrey, Mr. Kittredge has continued his interest in public affairs; and here he served by appointment as Overseer of the Poor and Selectman for eight years successively. He is at the present time County Commissioner, now serving his second term of two years each. Mr. Kittredge is a leading member of the grange. In religion he is a Congregationalist.

Mr. Kittredge married Laura F. Holmes, of Nashua, N.H., who was born March 21, 1836. They have five children; namely, Herbert W., Alfred B., Charles R., Mary L., and Fanny H., all of whom were born in Nelson. Herbert W. Kittredge is a graduate of Dartmouth College. He lives at Westfield, Mass., where he is principal of the high school. He married Isabelle Thatcher. Their two children are: Russell D. and Helen L. Alfred B. Kittredge, who is unmarried, was graduated at Yale College, and is now a prominent lawyer at Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He is a Republican, as are all the men of this family, and an advocate of sound money. He was elected to the first State Senate, and introduced the first State bill. He is present chairman of the National Republican Committee, representing South Dakota. Charles R. Kittredge went into a large general store in Jaffrey at the age of seventeen, and remained for five or six years. He then worked for a number of years for a wholesale grocer in Boston, and two years ago he was elected treasurer of the Monadnock Savings Bank of East Jaffrey. He is a Free Mason. He married Ida F. Fillebrown, of Somerville, Mass., and has two children — Florence and Marion. The family attend the Baptist church. Mary L. is the wife of Charles B. Hall, who is the storekeeper in the Fitchburg Railroad shop at

Keene, N.H. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have one child, Edward Hall. Fanny H. Kittredge resides with her parents.

**G**EORGE W. MASON, a leading citizen of Harrisville, extensively engaged in farming and teaming, was born November 13, 1828, in Dublin, N.H., son of Samuel and Annie (Kendall) Mason. His grandfather, Samuel Mason, Sr., who was a prominent farmer of Dublin and a Captain of the militia, married May Willard, daughter of Elijah Willard, and became the father of a number of children.

Samuel Mason, the father of George W., born in Sullivan, N.H., spent the greater part of his life in Harrisville and Dublin, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a member of the Baptist church. His wife, Annie, became the mother of eight children; namely, Samuel K., Stephen S., Almira A., Elijah W., George W., Mary A., Joel F., and James A. Samuel K. resided in Boston, and was there engaged in a grain and provision business. He married Maria Whittemore, who bore him three children. Stephen S., who resides at Harrisville, and is a teacher of music, married Lucy Ann McClester, of Marlboro, N.H., and has eleven children. Almira A. married Ebenezer Russell, a farmer and miller, and has been the mother of five children. Elijah W. married Clarissa Cobb, of Maine, and by her has seven children. May A. married Solon Willard, a Dublin farmer, and has four children. Joel F., who is a farmer of Marlboro, married Caroline Richardson, and has three children. James A. resides at Keene, and carries on a farm. His wife, Sara Richardson Mason, has made him the father of two children.

George W. Mason was educated at the Marlboro High School and at the Hancock Academy. After leaving school, he worked in a mill until he bought a farm for himself. This was forty-two years ago, since which he has carried on general farming and done a large amount of teaming. He was Tax Collector for a good many years, and he served as a delegate in the Constitutional Convention

of 1889. He is a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Mason married Lois A. Parker, a daughter of Josiah Parker, of Nelson, born in 1834. Mr. and Mrs. Mason have two boys: George G., who married Marian L. Woodward, of Westmoreland, and resides with his parents; and Bonner D., who is book-keeper for a hardware firm in Boston.

**T**HOMAS A. MERRILL, one of the best known residents of Deering, Hillsboro County, was born in this town, March 17, 1817, son of Enos and Annie (Gregg) Merrill. His grandfather was Thomas Merrill, a native of South Hampton, N.H., and one of the pioneers of Deering. Thomas Merrill cleared and improved a farm, upon which he resided for many years; and he made such good use of his resources as to accumulate a considerable amount of property. The latter part of his life was passed in Weare, N.H.; and he lived to the age of seventy-nine years, eleven months, and fourteen days. He was a Deacon of the Congregational church, and presented the society in Deering with the land upon which to erect a church edifice. The Christian name of his wife was Lydia; and they reared five children, of whom Enos was the third-born, but none of whom are living.

Enos Merrill, father of Thomas A., was born in Deering, and his active years were spent upon a farm in this town. He was an industrious man and a citizen of much worth to the community. In politics he was a Whig. He died in Weare, January 3, 1836. His wife, Annie Gregg Merrill, of this town, became the mother of seven children, of whom Thomas A., the subject of this sketch, was the only son and is the sole survivor. Mrs. Enos Merrill passed away two years before her husband, dying February 4, 1834. She was a member of the Congregational church.

Thomas A. Merrill started in life for himself at a very early age, and was employed in the construction of the Boston & Lowell Railroad. He entered the service of the company as a common laborer, and subsequently held several positions of trust. After many years

of faithful service he retired to his farm of two hundred acres in this town, and has since been profitably engaged in tilling the soil. He retains much of his youthful activity, and is fully capable of attending to his every-day duties about the place.

On November 21, 1843, Mr. Merrill was joined in marriage with Lucinda Wilkins, daughter of John Wilkins, of Deering; and of the four children born of this union three are living: Edwin A., Annie L., and Warren W. Edwin A. married Emma Wooley, of Westmoreland, N.H. Warren W. married Eliza Osgood, of Nashua, N.H., and has three children — Elmer W., Leonard A., and Emma May. Politically, Mr. Merrill is a Democrat. The family attend the Congregational church.

**D**ANIEL MARSHALL, one of the most prominent residents of Pelham and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, November 19, 1816, son of Isaac and Mehitable (Tenney) Marshall. Isaac Marshall, who was a native of Chelmsford, Mass., settled in Pelham in 1790, and for many years after cultivated the farm upon which his son Daniel now resides. An energetic and industrious farmer, he was quite prosperous. In politics he was a Democrat, and he held liberal opinions on questions of religion. He was twice married, and was the father of eleven children, six by his first union and five by his second. Of these Daniel, the subject of this sketch, is the only one now living. Isaac Marshall lived to be eighty-two years old. Mehitable Marshall, who was his second wife, and a native of Pelham, died at seventy.

Daniel Marshall was brought up to farming, receiving his education in the common schools. While agricultural pursuits have been his chief occupation in life, he has been a man of affairs, and has engaged in various business enterprises. Possessing excellent judgment in the handling of property, he is frequently called upon to settle estates. So far he has carefully and faithfully executed

seventy-five such trusts. He is the owner and the occupant of a good farm of two hundred acres, with substantial and commodious buildings.

On January 9, 1838, Mr. Marshall was united in marriage with Hannah Jane Campbell, who was born in Windham, N.H., August 3, 1817. Mrs. Marshall has had five children, two of whom died young. The others are: Mrs. Louisa Bell, of Lowell; and William C. and Moses R., both residents of Laconia, N.H. At one time the family circle included Isaac, an adopted son, who now lives near by. Mr. Marshall acts with the Democratic party in politics, and was for many years a prominent and influential factor in the local organization. For ten years or more he served as a member of the Board of Selectmen, was twice elected to the legislature, and has acted as a Justice of the Peace for fifty years. He and Mrs. Marshall are among the very few couples in this vicinity who have lived to celebrate the golden anniversary of their wedding.

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**E**DWARD M. SMITH, the well-known lawyer of Alstead, Cheshire County, N.H., and a prominent insurance agent, was born in this town, February 6, 1838, son of Alden and Lurinda (Partridge) Smith. The family came originally from England; and the first of the name to settle in this vicinity was Ezra, Mr. Edward Smith's grandfather, who made his home in Langdon, Sullivan County, only a few miles from Alstead. He was a man of sound judgment and good business ability, a leading farmer and active as a citizen. He owned a large farm, and had a fine herd of cattle. In religion he was a Congregationalist, and liberally assisted in the support of the church and of its varied activities. His wife was a Miss Henry, daughter of a prominent family. She bore him four children—Nancy, Orrin and Alden (twins), and Franklin.

Nancy Smith married Joseph Tarbell, a shoemaker and mason, who bought a farm at Langdon, where he lived until his death. Their two children were Alvira and Abbie,

the first named of whom lives in Lowell, Mass., and the last in Langdon. Orrin Smith married Marinda Partridge, of Alstead. He was a farmer, living first in Langdon, and removing from there to Peterboro, where he died. He had a family of seven children—Ezra M., Irving H., Hattie M., Silas, Albert O., Emma, and Alden. Franklin, youngest son of Grandfather Smith, was a farmer of Bradford, N.H., and was twice married. His first wife was Clarissa Kenney, by whom he had four children—Melvin, Kendall, Clarissa, and Charles; and his second wife was a Nashua lady.

Alden Smith, above named, son of Ezra, was born in Langdon, November 12, 1807. After receiving his education in the schools of his native town, he worked as a bridge builder at Fitchburg, Mass. He shortly contracted typhoid fever, and this so undermined his constitution that he never afterward had a well day. He settled at Alstead, where he spent his remaining years engaged in farming. A devoted member of the Congregational church, he was teacher in the Sunday-school and was superintendent. In spite of poor health he held many town offices, and filled them in a creditable and entirely satisfactory manner. He died in September, 1845. His wife was a daughter of Sylvester Partridge, a leading and wealthy citizen of Alstead. She was born October 25, 1814, and died on November 14, 1883. Her grandfather was a Sergeant in the Revolutionary War, and lost his life in the service of his country. Mr. and Mrs. Alden Smith had four children—Edward M., Melissa M., Alvah W., and Alden E. Melissa, born March 22, 1840, died May 4, 1886. She was a finely educated woman, having graduated at Tilden Seminary, N.H., and then studied at Fort Edward Institute. She taught most successfully for thirty terms in Massachusetts and in New Hampshire. This was before her marriage to a Mr. Joslin, a merchant of Marlboro. Alvah W., born September 18, 1842, is a farmer of Alstead. Alden E. Jr., born November 4, 1845, died April 20, 1840, from the effects of an accident, being run over by a team.

Edward M. Smith in his youth prepared for college at the Alstead High School, and later graduated from the Albany Law School. In 1860 he read law in the office of Dearborn & Scott, of Peterboro, N.H., and was afterward admitted to the Cheshire bar by examination. Sickness prevented him from actively engaging in business for three years, and at the end of that time he located for the practice of his profession in Alstead, where he has since made his home. Being the only lawyer in the town, he has acquired an extensive practice, and is yearly consulted by a large number of clients. His business in settling and appraising estates takes him all over the State; and he has considerable to do at Keene, the county seat. For a while he had a practice in towns in Sullivan County in addition to this in Alstead; but, the demands upon his time being numerous and exhausting, he discontinued that.

Mr. Smith has long been prominently identified with all the town affairs, and has taken an active part in securing many measures which he believed to be for the benefit of the town or for the convenience of the townspeople. For eleven years he held the office of Tax Collector, and for seven years was chairman of the School Board. In 1888-89 he represented Alstead in the legislature, being the first Republican sent from this town in twenty years; and while there he was a member of the Committee on the Revision of the Laws, this committee being composed of ten lawyers. Mr. Smith is now Town Moderator. His political principles are Republican. He is one of the oldest insurance agents in the State, having begun to engage in this business in 1869, and has represented the North American, Etna, Franklin, Niagara, Fitchburg, Granite State, and other companies.

Mr. Smith married S. Fanny Washburn, of Peterboro, this State, who was born December 18, 1853. Mrs. Smith's father, Harrison D. Washburn, was born at Peterboro, April 25, 1816; and her mother, whose maiden name was Betsey M. White, was the daughter of William M. White, of that town, and granddaughter of David and Betsey (Miller) White, all of Peterboro. Mrs. Betsey Miller White,

grandmother of Mrs. Washburn and great-grandmother of Mrs. Smith, was a daughter of William and Jane (Todd) Miller, and was a cousin of General James Miller, of Peterboro, who distinguished himself by gallant services in the War of 1812, was afterward Governor of the Territory of Arkansas, and later, from 1824 for the period of twenty-four years, was Collector of Customs for the district of Salem and Beverly, Mass. Mrs. Smith was a successful school teacher before her marriage.

**D**ANIEL WHITCOMB, a well-known Cheshire County farmer, an octogenarian, who has spent forty-five years of his life in Fitzwilliam, his present place of residence, was born in the adjoining town of Richmond, N.H., October 1, 1817, son of Jacob and Phillis (Sweet) Whitcomb. His grandfather, Oliver Whitcomb, was born in Harvard, Mass. When a young man he came to Fitzwilliam, and, settling near the Richmond line, took up land which he cleared, building a log house and later a frame dwelling, which still stands and is occupied by a member of the Whitcomb family. His wife, Lucy Patch, of Littleton, Mass., lived to be one hundred and two years of age, lacking one month. Their son Jacob was a farmer all his life, owning a place in Richmond. He married Phillis Sweet, the daughter of Anthony Sweet, and reared the following children: Jacob, Hannah, Daniel, Anthony S., Isaac, and Cynthia. Isaac died in childhood, and all are now deceased except two, namely: Anthony, who married a Miss Fisher; and Daniel, the second-born son, who is the special subject of this notice.

Daniel Whitcomb was educated in the district schools of Richmond and Fitzwilliam, and early engaged in the hereditary occupation of farming. Coming to Fitzwilliam in 1852, he bought his present place of fifty acres, on which he at once began to make improvements. Diligent and thrifty, he repaired the house and built two new barns, providing himself with excellent facilities for carrying on his business of general farming. He married Mary Taylor Lyon, but has no family.

Mr. Whitcomb is an independent voter, uniformly casting his ballot for the candidate whom he considers the best man for office. His first vote at a Presidential election was for William Henry Harrison in 1840. Mr. Whitecomb was a Selectman for seven years, and during six years of this period was chairman of the Board. For two years in the sixties he was Representative in the legislature, and he served as Supervisor from 1878 to 1884.

**J**OHN C. BUTTERFIELD, who follows the occupations of brick mason and farmer in the town of Antrim, was born here, January 2, 1838, son of Chandler and Naomi (Robinson) Butterfield. William Butterfield, grandfather of John C., was a carpenter, and followed his trade for some years in Washington, N.H. He subsequently removed to a farm in Antrim, and resided here for the rest of his life, dying at the age of seventy-five years. He was twice married, his first wife, whose maiden name was Lavinia Case, dying in 1836. She was the mother of seven children, of whom Chandler was the eldest, and three are now living; namely, John C., Hannah, and Eliza.

Chandler Butterfield was born in Washington, December 17, 1812. At an early age he accompanied his parents to Antrim, where he was reared to agricultural pursuits, being thereafter engaged in general farming to the end of his days. His wife, Naomi, was a daughter of John Robinson, of Hudson, N.H. She had three children, of whom the only one now living is John C., the subject of this sketch. Chandler Butterfield died at the age of seventy-one years, and his wife at the age of eighty-two.

John C. Butterfield was educated in Antrim, and when his studies were completed he served an apprenticeship at the brick mason's trade in Natick, Mass. Having succeeded to the ownership of the homestead farm of one hundred acres, he now divides his time between tilling the soil and working at his trade.

On June 3, 1863, Mr. Butterfield was joined in marriage with Miss Roansa Robb, of An-

trim. Her parents, John and Roxanna (Woodward) Robb, had a family of five children, of whom three are living, namely: Roxy A.; John A.; and Roansa, now Mrs. Butterfield. Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield have four children—John A., George W., Mason C., and Carrie M. George W. married Elvira Hildreth, of Antrim, and has one son, Raymond F. Mason C. married Florence Story, of this town, and has one son, Max A.

Politically, Mr. Butterfield is a Democrat, and, although deeply interested in public affairs, has never sought or held office. He is a member of Waverly Lodge, No. 59, I. O. O. F., of Antrim. Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield attend the Congregational church.

**A**ARON RISING GLEASON, M.D., of Keene, N.H., is a native of Warren, Vt. Born June 1, 1835, he is a son of Captain Windsor and Sophia Gleason. The father, who was a farmer, settled finally in Canaan, N.H., where he died at the age of eighty-three. The mother died when her son Aaron was ten years old. His step-mother, whose maiden name was Elmira Silsby, and who survived her husband, gave Aaron kindly care. The genealogy of the Gleasons, who came here from Langdon, is traced back through six generations to Thomas Gleason, who settled in Sudbury, Mass., in 1673, and afterward moved to Framingham. His son, Isaac, had a son named Isaac, who married Thankful Wilson, and died in 1777. The third Isaac, son of Isaac and Thankful Gleason, married Mary Nixon, and settled in Langdon, N.H. Their son, Captain Windsor Gleason, by his wife, Sally Gleason, became the father of Windsor Gleason, our subject's father.

Aaron R. Gleason lived with his parents successively at Warren, Vt., Aeworth, Alstead, and Gilsum, N.H. He received his early education in the public schools and an academy. When twenty years of age he entered on the profession of teacher, and followed it until he was thirty, one of his last schools being that conducted by Dr. S. H. McAllister, D.D., in South Westmoreland. He was teaching in New Salem, Mass., when the

Civil War began. Having read medicine with Dr. Kimball D. Webster, of Gilsum, and Dr. George B. Twichell, of Keene, and attended a course of lectures at Burlington, Vt., in 1858, he was nearly ready to enter the profession of physician, when he enlisted September 11, 1861, at Keene, in Company F of the New Hampshire Second Regiment, under Major Fred A. Barker, the present Postmaster of Keene. Being a medical student, he was assigned to the medical hospital department, and in the fall of 1863 he was transferred to Campbell Hospital, D.C., where he remained until the close of the war, being acting Assistant Surgeon. While here, during the fall of 1863 and spring of 1864, he had opportunity to still further pursue his studies at Georgetown Medical College, where he finally received his degree. The surgeon in charge at Campbell Hospital, Jed. H. Baxter, an old friend and classmate of Dr. Gleason, at the time of his death was Surgeon-general. Dr. Gleason was appointed Assistant Surgeon of the Fourteenth New Hampshire Regiment, but, having already received his appointment at Campbell Hospital, declined.

At the close of the war, relieved from his pressing duties, and wishing to further qualify himself for the medical profession, Dr. Gleason took a course in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York City, and in 1886 at the Post-graduate College in that city. On January 11, 1866, he came to New Hampshire and began practice at Fitzwilliam, where he remained for twenty-one years. In the fall of 1886 he came to Keene, where he has been in active practice ever since. At present he is serving on the Pension Examining Board of Cheshire County. He is a member of the State Medical Society and the Cheshire County Medical Society; also of the Connecticut River Valley Medical Association, Vt., of which he has been the chairman; and of the County Medical Society, of which he is now the secretary; and a member of the I. O. R. M., of the I. O. O. F., and of the G. A. R.

Dr. Gleason was married January 19, 1869, at Gilsum, to Miss Marietta E. Webster, only child of Dr. Kimball D. Webster, of that

place, who is still in active practice at the age of eighty-six. Maude Webster Gleason is the only child of Dr. and Mrs. Gleason. The family attend the First Church. In politics the Doctor is a Republican. In 1881 he served in the State legislature for the town of Fitzwilliam, and was a member of the Committees on Education and Insane Asylum. He was on the School Board for eighteen years in Fitzwilliam, and he has been a member of the City Council of Keene two years. He is also serving in the present legislature from Ward Two of Keene.

**E**LIJAH ALEXANDER, who during his life was an esteemed citizen of Winchester, Cheshire County, was born in this town, February 21, 1782, and very early in life developed the strong traits of character which had marked his ancestors. He prepared to enter Dartmouth College at an early age, but was prevented from doing so by the failing health of his father. Devoting himself to business pursuits, he became largely interested in mills and manufactories throughout his section and in various public works, building bridges, highways, developing water-power, and in other ways contributing to the advancement of the community, a cause which he had always at heart. He held many town offices, and represented his native town of Winchester for many terms in the legislature of the State. In character he was thoroughly upright and honorable, and eminently just in all his dealings with others in all the relationships of life, both public and private. Actuated by true Christian principle, he was truly a "gentleman of the old school"; and his native refinement and courtesy, together with his great kindness of heart, gained for him the sincere respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact, and it might be said that his friends included the entire community in which he lived. His death, which occurred May 13, 1860, was widely and deeply regretted.

Mr. Alexander married in 1812 Mrs. Sarah H. Viall, of Sudbury, Mass., a lady of rare graces of mind and heart, and universally be-

loved, who proved a fitting helpmeet to him through all the happy years of their married life. Mrs. Alexander died August 26, 1868. The children of Elijah and Sarah H. (Viall) Alexander were: Reuben, Mary A., Maria, William V., Emma M., Fannie H., Sarah P., George W., Louis L., Lambert P., Ellen N., and Ada J.

Of the four sons who survived their father the eldest, Reuben, was inspector at the Armory in Springfield, Mass., for many years. He died in 1890. The second son, William V. Alexander, held office in the treasury department of the custom-house in New York City from the administration of President Lincoln to his own death, which occurred in 1885. The third son, George W., served under General Grant at Vicksburg, Miss., where he lost his life in defence of the Union. The fourth son, Louis L. Alexander, is identified with mining interests in California, of which State he has been an honored citizen since 1850. Mr. Alexander's daughters were several of them of marked ability. The eldest, Mrs. Mary Alexander Giles, was an honored and eminently successful teacher for almost fifty years.

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AMES B. GREELEY, M.D., for the past fifteen years a resident of Merrimac, was born July 18, 1830, in Nashua, N. H., on the old Greely farm, son of Colonel Joseph and Hannah (Thornton) Greely. The Greely family, which is a very old one in this State, settled in Hudson. In 1620, seven generations back from Dr. Greely in the male line, was born Andrew Greely, who married Mary Gold. His son Joseph, born in 1652, married Martha Wilford. Joseph's son Benjamin, born in 1700, married Ruth Whittier. Benjamin's son Samuel, born in 1725, commanded a company in the Revolutionary War, and was at Bunker Hill and at Lexington. His wife was Esther Cunningham Greely. The next in line was Joseph, who, born in Hudson in 1756, died May 13, 1840, was grandfather of Dr. Greely. He also fought at Bunker Hill, and there received a gunshot wound.

His wife was Sarah Greely, to whom he was married March 7, 1780. His son, Colonel Joseph Greely, married Hannah, a daughter of James Thornton, Esq., and a grand daughter of Judge Matthew Thornton, who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

James B. Greely grew to manhood in Nashua. At the age of twenty he began to fit himself for the medical profession. He first read medicine with Dr. Moore, of Nashua. Later he entered Dartmouth College, where he studied for three years. In 1856 he graduated from the University of Vermont at Woodstock, and afterward took a post-graduate course in the Harvard Medical School. He then went abroad to continue his studies, and was gone for thirteen months. For a part of this time he was a member of the household of Dr. James Y. Simpson, of Edinburgh, Scotland, after which he studied on the continent. After returning to America, he entered upon his profession at Nashua, and was in active practice until the war broke out in 1861. Then, prompted by his patriotism, he accepted a commission as Assistant Surgeon in the New Hampshire Battalion of the New England Cavalry, and later in the same year was made Surgeon. At the second Battle of Bull Run he received injuries which disabled him for life. He was honorably discharged, and returned to Nashua, hoping to resume his practice. The effects of his wounds rendered him unable to carry out this purpose, and he was obliged to renounce a career for which he was in every way qualified. While many men sacrificed their lives in the war, many others sacrificed what was equally dear to an ambitious man—his hopes of a useful and successful career. Dr. Greely afterward moved to Merrimac, where he has since made his home. It is one of the compensations of his life that he has been able to see his sons grow up to fill the position which he had hoped to fill himself.

On June 24, 1858, Dr. Greely was married to Miss Arabella McGaw Wood, daughter of the Rev. Henry and Harriet T. (McGaw) Wood, of Hanover. The Rev. Henry Wood was a chaplain in the United States Navy and

also United States Consul at Beirut, Syria, under the administration of President Pierce.

Dr. and Mrs. Greely have had three sons. Dr. Harry W. Greely, the eldest, died at Norfolk, Va., aged twenty-five years. Dr. James T., who is now city physician at Nashua, N.H., married Florence Richardson, daughter of the Rev. Cyrus Richardson, of Nashua. Dr. Guy Greely is at Thornton's Ferry with his parents, and is practising his profession. The father holds liberal views on religious subjects. In politics he is a Republican, and he has represented the town in the legislature. A thirty-second degree Mason, he is a member of Rising Sun Lodge of Nashua. He is also a comrade of John Foster Post, G. A. R., of Nashua.

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**H**ENRY DAVIS, a prosperous farmer of East Sullivan and a member of the Board of Selectmen, was born in Stoddard, N.H., May 5, 1841, son of Marcus and Lydia L. (Wilson) Davis. His grandfather, Asa Davis, who was a native of Massachusetts, settled when a young man upon a farm in Stoddard, and resided there for the rest of his life. He was active in public affairs, and was one of the stirring men of his day. With his wife, whose maiden name was Hodgeman, he reared seven children; namely, Sarah, Marcus, Asa, Nancy, Alden, Isaiah, and Lizzie, all of whom were born in Stoddard.

Marcus Davis, born May 4, 1807, who was for some years employed as a farm assistant, finally settling at the homestead, became a well-to-do farmer, and died December 2, 1859. His wife, who was born August 10, 1814, daughter of Colonel William Wilson, of Stoddard, became the mother of five children—Elvira, Henry Davis, Albert, Lyman, and Martha. Elvira, who is no longer living, was the wife of D. W. Rugg, of Sullivan, and left one son, who is an industrious farmer in Sullivan, married Rosetta Town, and has one daughter. Martha married Leslie H. Goodnow, the present Postmaster and Town Treasurer of Sullivan. Lyman Davis, in early life a farmer, learned the trades of blacksmith and

wheelwright, and has since carried on business in Sullivan. He was Selectman for several years; a Representative to the legislature in 1893, serving on the Committee on Manufactures; is connected with the Order of the Golden Cross and the Patrons of Husbandry; and attends the Congregational church. He married Nettie E. Eveleth, who was born April 28, 1848, daughter of Charles Eveleth, of Keene.

Henry Davis was educated in Stoddard. After his father's death the management of the home farm devolved upon him. At a later date he moved to East Sullivan, where he has since resided, and where he has become one of the most able and prosperous farmers in the locality. Formerly he raised sheep, but of late he has given his principal attention to dairying. He has served as Road Agent, and is now rendering efficient service to the town as a member of the Board of Selectmen. He is actively interested in the Patrons of Husbandry, and is Master of the local grange. In religious belief he is a Congregationalist. Mr. Davis married Emma S. Rugg, who was born June 18, 1846, daughter of Martin Rugg, of Sullivan. His only child, Lester F., born April 7, 1877, now assists his father on the farm.

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**A**NDREW NICHOLS SHEPARD, of Milford, was born in Lyndeboro, N.H., July 22, 1818, of poor but respectable parents. His father was of English origin, being a direct descendant of Colonel John Shepard, who was one of the first settlers of that part of the town of Amherst, N.H., which is now Milford. Colonel Shepard, who was the great-grandfather of Andrew, moved from Concord, Mass., to Amherst in 1741, and became one of the most prominent and useful citizens of that town. He built the first mills there and the first bridge across the Souhegan River.

When Andrew was two years old, his father, who was a blacksmith by trade, moved his family to Francestown, and shortly after to Bedford, N.H. Here Andrew remained during his boyhood, in the summer assisting on his



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grandfather's farm or in his father's shop, and in the winter attending school. When seventeen he went to Woburn, Mass., to learn the currier's trade, serving as an apprentice under Deacon B. F. Thompson, of that town, for three and a half years. At the end of this time he started out into the world for himself with a capital of three hundred dollars, which he had saved by overwork and the strictest economy. The overwork affecting his health, and business being dull, he next tried his hand at school-teaching, successfully conducting a difficult school through one term. Afterward for many years Mr. Shepard was interested in the various branches of the leather business. His first venture as a journeyman currier was at Charlestown, Mass., where he worked for a short time. From Charlestown he returned to the employ of Deacon Thompson, who was then located in that part of Woburn that was afterward known as Winchester, whom he always respected as a conscientious, Christian man. After a time Deacon Thompson offered him a partnership; but Mr. Shepard, preferring a certainty to an uncertainty, declined, and remained several years with Deacon Thompson as a journeyman. At length he drifted into real estate business, which was then in its infancy in Winchester, doing something in insurance at the same time, and was for several years the agent for the Middlesex Mutual Company, of Concord, Mass. He built several houses in Winchester, and was eminently successful in his investments.

In 1860 Mr. Shepard associated himself with Mr. F. W. Perry, of Winchester, in the leather business. This firm of Shepard & Perry had a currier's shop in Winchester and a store on Pearl Street, Boston, where they sold not only their own products, but consignments received from parties in other places on commission. In 1861 they bought the Munroe tannery at Woburn, and in 1868 they united with Mosley & Dunn in building a large tannery at Winchester. Mr. Shepard soon sold his interest in the last-named tannery to the other partners, and bought Mr. Perry's interest in the Munroe tannery. Then, uniting with Messrs. Samuel and Andrew Pierce, under the firm name of A. N. Shepard & Co., he did his

part in conducting a successful business for several years, besides selling for others on commission. This connection was terminated when an accident disabled him for active work. He sold out his interest in the business to the other members of the firm. Before he had fully recovered from his lameness, he was induced by Butler, Dunn & Co., a large commission house on Congress Street, Boston, to take a tannery with them in Hudson, Mass., for a term of years. The partnership entered into with them was successful, and at its expiration Mr. Shepard was urged to continue for another term of years. Notwithstanding the strong inducements presented to him, he preferred to join with a Mr. Ellis in refitting an old tannery in Lowell, Mass. This firm had a store on Purchase Street, Boston, and continued for some time in business. At length, on account of his health and increasing years, Mr. Shepard concluded to retire from active business; and he sold out his interest. Since that time he has been more or less interested in real estate and stocks. He has been a very successful business man, and his ventures have almost always proved fortunate.

In 1850 Mr. Shepard married Mrs. Harriet W. Brown, a young widow with two daughters. This marriage did not prove a happy one. After a number of years there was a separation and then a divorce. In 1893 Mr. Shepard married Mrs. Lucy A. Sawtelle, daughter of Wilder and Julia Ann (Clarke) Read. He has no children. Being fond of books and study, Mr. Shepard made the most of his meagre opportunities to acquire knowledge. The greater part of his education was obtained at the district school in Bedford, N.H. Later he attended the academy at Woburn, Mass., for three months while serving his apprenticeship. With this his school education was finished; but he has been a student all his life, gathering information from nature, men, and books. Although not an extensive traveller, he has seen something of the West and South. He has been twice through a portion of the Western States, visiting Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan, with a view to investing in land, but each time returned with a determination to confine his real estate investments to

New England. He has made three trips to Florida and other parts of the South for the twofold purpose of health and pleasure. Being very fond of gunning, he derived much enjoyment from these Southern journeys, hunting alligators, wild turkeys, ducks, and a variety of small game. During one of these trips he made the shot of his life, with which he brought down three wild turkeys. For six or seven years he belonged to the Shooting Club of Milford, N.H.

In politics Mr. Shepard was first a Whig and then a Republican. He always favored the anti-slavery cause, and was a thorough temperance man, while he has never been a politician, his forte being business. Being of a diffident, retiring disposition, he has never sought office. At one time, however, he was Assessor in the town of Winchester, where he lived for forty years. He was also a Justice of the Peace for Middlesex County, Massachusetts, for fourteen years, receiving his commission from Governor Andrew and its renewal from Governor Washburn. At present he is a trustee of the City Guaranty Savings Bank, of Nashua, N.H., and of the Riverside Cemetery, in Milford, N.H. When seventeen years of age Mr. Shepard united with the Presbyterian church in Bedford, N.H. In Woburn, where there was no Presbyterian society, he entered into relationship with the Congregational church, and he has been a Congregationalist since. For many years he was connected with the church of that denomination in Winchester, Mass., holding offices of trust in both the church and parish. Later he belonged to the First Congregational Church in Nashua. At present he is connected with the church of that denomination in Milford. In a quiet way he has constantly helped by his influence and contributions, not only the church in which he worshipped, but others needing aid. Mr. Shepard has always been a great lover of music, and now, though seventy-eight years of age, is an enthusiastic and skilful player on the flute. For twenty years he was an active member of the church choir in Winchester, Mass., assisting sometimes with his voice and sometimes with his flute.

While not rich, Mr. Shepard has a competency. He has a pleasant home in Milford, which he built in 1890. For forty years he resided in Winchester; but for the last fifteen or sixteen years he has lived in Amherst, Nashua, or Milford, near the home of his boyhood. Though seventy-eight years old, Mr. Shepard is still active and vigorous, visiting Boston once or twice a week to attend to his interests in real estate and stocks.

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**G**EORGE H. LEACH, who carries on a prosperous mercantile and lumber business in Gilsum, Cheshire County, N.H., was born in Chesterfield N.H., December 17, 1851, son of Lewis and Emily (Hill) Leach. His paternal grandfather, Josiah Leach, who was a native of Westmoreland, N.H., resided upon a farm in Swanzey, N.H. By his first wife, Lois Britton, who was born in Westmoreland, he had three children—Laura, Lyman, and Lewis; and by his second wife, Sarah Ochington, of Swanzey, N.H., he had five children—Thomas G., Charles A., Leonard W., Lorilla E., and Lucy A. Lewis Leach was born in Westmoreland, December 25, 1811. He spent his life partly in that town and partly in Chesterfield, N.H., and was engaged as a farmer and general jobber. His wife, formerly Emily Hill, who was born in Swanzey, February 13, 1813, became the mother of eight children, namely: Josiah; Bradley; Charles; George H., the subject of this sketch; Maria E.; Jane; Charles, second; and Irving. The father, Lewis Leach, died January 13, 1870. The mother, Mrs. Emily H. Leach, is still living.

George H. Leach was educated in the schools of Chesterfield and Westmoreland, and for some time was engaged in farming and teaming. He finally located in Gilsum, where he is engaged in the lumber business, and also keeps a general store. He is a capable and successful business man, and his natural energy and ability have been employed to the advantage of his fellow-townspeople, who elected him to the Board of Selectmen. He has also served as Road Agent, and was nominated for Representative to the legislature in

1893. He is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Patrons of Husbandry, and is prominent in both orders.

Mr. Leach married Minnie M. Barrett, who was born in 1864, daughter of Lund and Mary Barrett. Mr. and Mrs. Leach have two children: Carlton B., born in 1885; and Helen M., born in 1887.

**J**AMES P. TODD, one of the leading farmers and business men of New Boston, was born in this town, November 24, 1822, son of Samuel and Betsey (Starrett) Todd. He is a descendant of Colonel Andrew Todd, who commanded a regiment in the Continental army during the Revolutionary War. Colonel Todd, who was the first ancestor of the family to settle in Hillsboro County, resided upon a farm in Peterboro until his death. His son, James Todd (first), great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, and a farmer in Peterboro for the greater part of his life, spent his last days in Francestown, and was buried in Peterboro.

James Todd (second), grandfather of James P., was a native of Peterboro. When a young man he settled in Francestown; and he followed agricultural pursuits with prosperity, and was one of the stirring men of his day. He served as a member of the Board of Selectmen, and was very active in public affairs. In politics he was originally a Whig and later a Democrat. In his religious views he was a Congregationalist. He lived to be seventy-seven years old. His first marriage was contracted with Unity Page, a native of Goffstown, N.H., who died at the age of forty-four years. For his second wife he wedded Mrs. Sarah (Miller) Duncan, of Peterboro. By his first wife there were twelve children; namely, Nabby, Anna, Samuel, William, Mary, Jane, Robert, Nathaniel, James, Eli, Roxanna, and one who died in infancy. Those of his second were: John and Sarah. Samuel Todd was born in Francestown, November 14, 1788. In early life he became familiar with the shoemaker's and blacksmith's trades, and in 1816 he settled upon the farm in New Boston where his son,

James P., now resides. Samuel Todd died October 6, 1880. His wife, Betsey, whom he married June 7, 1814, was born in New Boston March 20, 1793. She became the mother of ten children, as follows: a son, who was born October 27, 1815, and died December 27 of the same year; Mary S., born September 28, 1816, who died August 22, 1841; Harriet A., born September 14, 1818, who lives in Nashua, N.H., and is now the widow of David Grigg; Mark, born September 16, 1820, who died in August, 1860; James P., the subject of this sketch; Davis S., born October 25, 1824, who resides in New Boston; Caroline S., born September 26, 1827, who married Horace Langdell, and died November 1, 1855; John M., born November 22, 1829, who died September 6, 1832; Sarah E., born August 9, 1833, who is now Mrs. George Upham, of Nashua; and John M. (second), born September 6, 1835, who is residing in New Boston. The mother died June 23, 1880.

James P. Todd acquired a common and high school education, and when a young man he taught school. At the age of fourteen he was capable of earning good wages as a farm assistant, and his summers were passed in working upon farms in his neighborhood. He managed the home farm for four years, and in 1850 he went to California by way of the Isthmus, and was there profitably engaged in mining for two years. After his return he settled at the homestead, and worked at the blacksmith's trade, engaged extensively in lumbering, and built a cotton-battling mill, which he carried on until it was destroyed by fire. At present his attention is devoted to lumbering and dairy farming. He has enlarged and improved the homestead farm, keeps from fifteen to twenty cows, and has remodelled the old residence, which was erected in 1810. Politically, he acts with the Democratic party, and he served with ability as Selectman for four years, besides holding other town offices.

On December 30, 1852, Mr. Todd was united in marriage with Desire A. Loring. She was born in New Boston, October 27, 1832, daughter of John and Desire (Fuller) Loring. Her mother was born in Francestown, N.H., December 4, 1802. Her pater-

nal grandfather, John Loring (first), was a native of Salem, Mass., and her grandmother, whose maiden name was Hannah Morse, was born in Methuen. John Loring (second), Mrs. Todd's father, served as a soldier in the War of 1812. He followed agriculture industriously in New Boston for the greater part of his active period, and died March 24, 1868. His wife died September 18, 1861. Their eight children were: Lorinda, born October 22, 1823, who is now the wife of Stephen F. Burnham, of Manchester, N.H.; John E., born July 11, 1826, who died in 1853; Daniel F., born July 10, 1828, who died in 1838; Aaron, born August 6, 1829, who died in California, August 6, 1854; Desire A., who is now Mrs. Todd; George F., born June 8, 1834, who is now a resident of Wyoming; Sarah E., born July 14, 1838, who died in 1844; and Hannah Catherine, born July 14, 1841, who is the wife of Elizaphan Langdell, of Milford, N.H.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd have had twelve children, namely: John L., born October 10, 1853, who died aged one month; Alice M., born October 6, 1854; Arthur J., born December 6, 1856; George L., born June 17, 1859; Caroline E., born July 29, 1862; Frank P., born October 17, 1863; John L., born December 1, 1866, who died at the age of two years and eight months; Perley A., born January 19, 1868; Emma D., born July 7, 1870; a son born March 28, 1871, who died in infancy; Sadie A., born February 2, 1875; and Adelaide B., born November 15, 1877. Alice M. is the wife of Moses Dane, of New Boston. Arthur J. Todd, M.D., who graduated at the Homeopathic Medical School, Boston, is now practising in Manchester, N.H., is one of the Board of State Medical Examiners, and is president of the New Hampshire Homeopathic Medical Society. The Rev. George L. Todd, who graduated from Amherst College and the Theological Seminary in Auburn, N.Y., is now pastor of a church in Merrimac, Mass. He was the founder and first president of La Paz Bolivian National College, and was Vice-Consul General to Bolivia under President Cleveland. Caroline E. is the wife of George W. Bridges,

and resides in Brookline, N.H. Frank P., M.D., received his medical education in Boston, and is now a homeopathic physician in Danielsonville, Conn. Perley A. resides at home, and is now serving as Tax Collector. Emma D. is now Mrs. Walter H. Spaulding, of Peterboro, N.H. Sadie A. and Adelaide B. are residing at home. The family attend the Presbyterian church, and Mr. Todd has been an Elder for the past thirty years. His success in life is the result of energy and perseverance, and he stands high in the community as an able business man and an upright citizen.



**J**AMES MANNING HOWARD, a retired tanner and well-to-do resident of Marlow, was born in Langdon, Sullivan County, N.H., April 7, 1830, son of Nathan and Pheebe (Miller) Howard. The family originated, we are told, in either Aylesford or Maidstone, County of Kent, England; and Thomas Howard, the American ancestor, who was a tailor by trade, it is said, settled at Ipswich, Mass., in 1634. Stephen Howard, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Ipswich, and died in Chaplin, Conn., in 1848. James M. Howard's grandfather, Stephen Howard, second, who was born in Hampton, Conn., August 6, 1763, became a pioneer in Alstead, N.H., and built the first saw and grist mill in that town. He died November 3, 1857. He married Polly Jewett, a native of Coventry, Conn., and reared four children, namely: Nathan; Betsey, born December 5, 1791; Polly, born January 10, 1795; and Sophia, born February 2, 1808, all now deceased.

Nathan Howard, father of James M., was born in Hampton, Conn., February 9, 1789. At the age of twenty-one he settled in Alstead, where he followed farming and teaming the rest of his life, and died November 3, 1857. He married Phoebe Miller, born in Acworth, N.H., February 16, 1794, daughter of James and Mary (Livermore) Miller; and she died in Alstead, April 13, 1830.

James Manning Howard was left motherless when but six days old, and he was reared in

the family of Leonard Whitney, of Acworth. He attended common schools and the Marlow Academy, and when fourteen years old began life for himself as a farm assistant. At the age of seventeen he came to Marlow, where he learned the tanner's trade under the direction of James Burnap, and later became foreman. He was connected with the tannery until its close in 1892, and at one time was a partner in the business. Mr. Howard is a self-made man, and has reached a position of affluence through his industry and thrift. He is highly esteemed by his business associates as well as those who have worked under him, and it is greatly to his credit that he always gave the highest wages the business would permit. He was, above all, charitable and considerate, and many instances could be related of his kind-hearted and generous disposition. He has served upon the School Board and in other town offices, is interested in the business prosperity of Marlow, and is connected with the Masonic fraternity and the Patrons of Husbandry. He is a liberal contributor toward the support of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is a member of the Board of Stewards.

Mr. Howard married Lucretia A. Mitchell, born in Manchester, N.H., August 4, 1832, daughter of Ansel and Melinda (Flanders) Mitchell. Mrs. Howard died May 16, 1890.

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**H**ON. MURRAY DAVIS was a well-known figure in public affairs at Chesterfield for some time before the year 1888. Born here, December 16, 1845, son of Charles M. and Deborah H. (Cobleigh) Davis, he is a descendant of Amos Davis (first), one of the original proprietors of Westmoreland, N.H. Amos Davis (second), who was a native of Westmoreland settled in Chesterfield about the year 1770, locating upon land situated one mile west of Centre Village. He resided here for the rest of his life, and died August 1, 1794. He married Sarah Metcalf; and of his eleven children Ezra Davis, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was his third child.

Ezra Davis, who was born in Westmore-

land, November 9, 1761, grew to manhood on a farm in Chesterfield, tilled the soil with energy during his active years, and died August 23, 1840. He married Amy, daughter of Warren Snow, and reared a family of six children, of whom Russell, the third-born, was grandfather of Murray Davis. Russell Davis, a lifelong resident of Chesterfield, died October 22, 1859. He married Thirza, daughter of John Veazey, of Westmoreland; and Charles M. was the second-born of their children. Charles M. Davis was born in Chesterfield, April 11, 1818. He was a sturdy, industrious farmer through life, and was esteemed as a worthy, upright man. He died in the prime of life, June 30, 1849. His wife, Deborah, whom he wedded March 9, 1842, was a daughter of Jonathan Cobleigh. She became the mother of two sons, namely: Murray, the subject of this sketch; and Charles M., born November 14, 1849.

Murray Davis was reared and educated in Chesterfield. When sixteen years old he enlisted as a private in Company F, Fourteenth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers. He served until September 19, 1863, when he received a severe grapeshot wound in his left leg at the battle of Winchester. He laid upon the field three days before medical aid reached him, and then it was found necessary to amputate the limb. He was discharged, and in 1866 he bought the farm in Chesterfield, which is now owned by his son, Frank M. The property was considered of but little value at the time, but by industry and perseverance he revived its fertility, and brought it to a high standard of cultivation. Upon Republican nominations Mr. Davis was regularly elected to the Board of Selectmen for upward of fifteen years. He also served as Town Treasurer and Moderator for a number of terms. In 1881 he was chosen to represent this town in the legislature, and in 1885 he was elected State Senator. While a member of the lower house, he took an active part in securing the passage of the bill providing for the support of aged or disabled soldiers at their homes, instead of sending them to the county farm. In the Senate he occupied a seat near to that of Hon. William E.

Chandler, now United States Senator from New Hampshire. He was a forcible speaker, and always studied a measure before advocating or opposing it. His work in both houses was deserving of the highest praise. It is told of him that, when having drawn a seat in the front row, and some of the older members offered to buy it, proffering him a good price, he declined to sell, saying, "I like a good seat just as well as anybody else." During the contest between the Boston & Maine and the Concord & Montreal Railroad Companies he was offered a liberal compensation by one of the opposing corporations, to go to Concord and assist in lobbying their bill through, but he declined the proposition.

On June 6, 1866, Mr. Davis married Elvira E. Farr, daughter of Parker Farr, of West Chesterfield. Mrs. Davis has had three children — Frank M., Celia E., and Maud M. Celia E. is the wife of Charles Winn, and resides in Brattleboro, Vt. Frank M. Davis, born December 29, 1868, passed his youth in working on the farm and attending school. He also learned the carpenter's trade, and followed it for a time; and in 1893 he purchased the property of his mother, and is now engaged in general farming. He is energetic and progressive, and, although one of the youngest farmers in town, is already well advanced upon the road to prosperity. In 1897 he was elected a member of the Board of Selectmen. On November 11, 1891, he wedded Annie P. Davenport, daughter of Edgar Davenport, and now has two children — Murray and Gladys A. He is an active member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and was formerly Overseer of the local grange. Mr. Davis, Sr., died in Chesterfield, March 20, 1888. Mrs. Davis has continued to reside at the home-stead, and with the assistance of her son has since carried on the farm.



**G**EORGE SAMUEL TUCKER, proprietor of Tucker's Tavern, Peterborough, was born in Henniker, N.H., July 12, 1858, son of Thomas Brown and Susan Rebecca (Clarke) Tucker. In regard to the genealogy of the family, upon which

Mr. Tucker has for some time been engaged, the facts obtained up to the present time are chiefly as follows: Ezra Tucker was born in Poplin, N.H., now Fremont, and moved to Salisbury, N.H., prior to the Revolutionary War. He was the father of eighteen children, twelve sons and six daughters. The average length of the lives of the sons was seventy years, and each lived to have great-grandchildren. Nathan Tucker, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Poplin, October 18, 1764. His first wife was Lydia Stevens; and his second, Mary Welch, of Canaan, N.H. By his first marriage he had six children, and by his second union there were two.

Caleb Tucker, grandfather of George Samuel, was born in Salisbury, November 6, 1789, and was the fourth son by his father's first wife. He was a prosperous tiller of the soil during the active period of his life, and he died in Wilmot, N.H., March 29, 1834. On December 26, 1811, he married Dorothy Bean, second daughter of Jeremiah and Methitable (Garland) Bean, of Salisbury. Ten children were the fruit of this union, and the following are living, namely: Lydia C., born August 20, 1825, now the wife of John Gove; Charles W., born March 9, 1828; and Thomas Brown, George Samuel Tucker's father, who is the youngest.

Thomas Brown Tucker was born in Wilmot, August 17, 1830. He attended the common schools until he was fifteen years old, and then began to serve an apprenticeship at the machinist's trade in Manchester, N.H. From that city he went to Providence, R.I., where he gradually rose to the position of superintendent of the works in which he was employed, but was at length forced to resign on account of failing health. During the intervening period he engaged as a merchant in Rhode Island, but about 1857 he returned to New Hampshire, and succeeded Hiram Bell in the management of the old National Hotel at Henniker. Returning in 1859 to his old business as a maker of fine tools and builder of machinery in Providence, he remained there some years when he was again compelled by ill health to return to his native State, and

immediately purchased and carried on the Kearsarge House at Warner for six years. During the succeeding seven years he ran the Washington House in Pittsfield, N.H.; and, then removing to Peterboro, he was engaged in the same business here for many years, or until the transferring of same to his son. He is widely and favorably known as a genial and agreeable host, who succeeded in keeping a model house for the entertainment of the public, and has been equally successful financially. He owns some of the most important buildings, together with much valuable land in this town, and has been a director of its Savings Bank. In politics he is a Democrat. While residing in Pittsfield, he held many positions of trust, Sheriff, County Commissioner, etc. He has since been active in local public affairs in Peterboro, and is at the present time president of the Board of Water Commissioners. His wife, Susan Rebecca Clarke, is a daughter of Samuel C. Clarke, of Narragansett Pier, R.I. They have reared but one son, George Samuel, the subject of this sketch. Thomas B. Tucker is now living in retirement, and is highly esteemed by his fellow-townsmen as well as by a large circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the State.

George Samuel Tucker was educated in Providence, R.I. The feeble condition of his father's health, however, caused him to discontinue his studies; and he at once joined his father in the hotel business, which relation has been uninterrupted, with the exception of the two years during which he was engaged in the completion of Dartmouth College's new hotel and its management. Since the elder Tucker's retirement he has managed Tucker's Tavern with an ability which has not only kept up the high reputation of the house, but has greatly increased its regular patronage. He has improved the property by introducing all modern conveniences; and Peterboro has every reason to be proud of its only hotel, as the very best of its class.

Mr. Tucker married Evelyn Genevieve Barker, of Boston, on December 25, 1887, and has one daughter, Marguerite Clarke.

Politically, Mr. Tucker is a Democrat. He

is an Odd Fellow and a member of the encampment. His enterprise and progressive tendencies are heartily appreciated, and as a business man and a citizen he occupies an important place in the community. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker attend the Unitarian church.

**C**HARLES A. BLAKE, proprietor of the Nubaunsit House at Harrisville, Cheshire County, and an extensive contractor, was born in Nashua, N.H., November 19, 1853, son of Asa and Rosetta (Swingington) Blake. His grandfather, Asa Blake, first, who was a lifelong resident of Canada, reared a family of children, by name as follows: Andrew, Lewis, Asa, Annie, Eunice Polly.

Asa Blake, second, father of Charles A., is a native of Canada, but the greater part of his life has been spent in the United States. He has been a resident at different times of Nashua, Greenfield, and other places, but for the past seventeen years has been engaged in teaming in East Jaffrey, N.H. He married Rosetta Swingington, daughter of Job Swingington, of Lyndeboro, N.H., and she became the mother of five children—Charles A., George, William, Sarah, and Mary. George died at the age of twenty-two years; William is a dyer in a mill in Jaffrey; Sarah married Charles Bartlett, who is connected with the cutlery works in Bennington, N.H.; Mary is the wife of A. Burpee, principal dyer in the factory in Jaffrey. Mrs. Asa Blake is no longer living.

Charles A. Blake attended schools in Lyndeboro and Greenfield, N.H., and in Lancaster, Mass. He was engaged in farming and teaming for three years, and for the succeeding six years he carried on the fish business in Greenfield and Jaffrey. He next engaged in the jobbing business, which he followed in Jaffrey until 1881, when he came to Harrisville, and purchased the Nubaunsit House. He has since conducted the hotel and livery business in connection with jobbing and contracting, and his various enterprises keep him constantly busy. In politics he is a Democrat, and as Highway Surveyor he has

kept the roads in first-class condition. He is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Foresters.

Mr. Blake married Miss Eva J. Sawyer, daughter of Silas W. and Charity (Scott) Sawyer, of Francestown, N.H.; and Mrs. Blake is the mother of three children—Ernest C., Edith V., and Harold Leroy—all of whom were born in Harrisville.

**S**ILAS HARDY, attorney-at-law and merchant of Keene, N.H., is a son of the late Captain Noah and Jerusha (Kimball) Hardy, of Nelson, N.H., and was born in that town, April 3, 1827. Mr. Hardy's paternal grandfather, who was also named Noah Hardy, removed from Hollis, N.H., to Nelson just after the Revolution, and became Deacon of the Orthodox church. Early in the war, when but a mere lad, he had enrolled as a minute-man in the Cavalry Reserve at Hollis. He was called out twice to go to Bennington and once to Rhode Island, but did not participate in actual battle. His wife, Sarah Spofford, was a descendant of John Spofford, of Rowley, Mass., who emigrated from Yorkshire, England, in 1638, and is the ancestor of the Spoffords of the United States and Canada. The old Spofford farm at Georgetown is still in the family, and periodical reunions are held there. Both of Mr. Silas Hardy's parents were born in Nelson, and both died there, the father at the age of seventy-three, the mother at the age of sixty-three.

Mr. Hardy's maternal grandfather, David Kimball, of Boxford, Mass., served in the Revolutionary War. He enlisted at Boxford in April, 1777, in a Massachusetts regiment, and, serving three years in Captain Daniel Lane's company under Colonel Ichabod Alden, was in the battle of Stillwater, and wintered at Valley Forge. At the expiration of three years he again entered the army as a substitute for six months, and served under Captain Wilder in Colonel Michael Jackson's Massachusetts regiment. He was present in camp at West Point at André's capture, being on

detail at Washington's headquarters, and saw Washington when he read the paper taken from André's boot. His name was entered on the pension list in 1820, and his record is on file at the pension office. David Kimball married Lydia Simmons, of Boxford, whose father and brother were killed at the battle of Bunker Hill. Mr. Kimball settled in Nelson soon after the close of the war.

Noah Hardy, father of Silas Hardy, was first a farmer; but, owing to the loss of a leg in an accident, he learned the shoemaker's trade. He had ten children, seven of whom are now living, the youngest being sixty-six years old. All but two of them reside in Cheshire County. One, George G., served in the late war in Company G, Sixteenth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and died in the service. Frank B. was in same service.

Silas Hardy, the eighth child born to his parents, spent his early life on the farm and in the shop. Owing to the large family and the financial condition of his father he was put out to a farmer at the age of eleven, for one year, for twenty-five dollars. Every season after that till of full age he worked away from home, his earnings amounting to over seven hundred dollars. The people among whom he lived were honest and industrious, but illiterate; and all the opportunity he had for improvement and education was a winter term of eight to twelve weeks in country schools, yet the winter before his full age he taught a district school. The next four years he spent in hard work and in teaching and fitting for college, receiving no outside aid. In 1852, being twenty-five years old, he entered the Sophomore class in Dartmouth College, graduating in 1855, having the honor of being one of the speakers at Commencement. In his class were the Hon. Nelson Dingley, of tariff fame; Judge Field, of the Massachusetts Supreme Court; Judges Allen and Ladd, late of the New Hampshire Supreme Court. Mr. Hardy was principal of Foxcroft Academy, Me., one year after graduation, when he entered the office of the Hon. Levi Chamberlain as a law student, where his office now is, in Cheshire Bank Building. He served as an

engrossing clerk of the New Hampshire legislature in 1860 and 1861.

In September, 1858, he was admitted to the bar in Sullivan County, and began the practice of law at Keene. For five years—from March, 1859, to 1864—he was Register of Probate, and from 1864 to 1874 Judge of Probate. Since that time he has confined himself to his regular practice, serving a large number of clients. He has always taken an interest in public affairs, has served the city in various official positions, and has been connected with banking institutions. Mr. Hardy has done a large amount of business as pension attorney; and many a veteran in this section of the State, and many widows and orphans of veterans, have occasion to be grateful to him. He has been a Republican since the organization of the party in 1856, and has voted for all its Presidential nominees. He has attended most of the State conventions and many lesser conventions. He has been City Solicitor, and has served for four years on the School Board in the Union District. During the last six years he has conducted a dry-goods business, in addition to attending to his professional duties. He has always been in vigorous health, and never used tobacco or spirituous liquors.

On December 31, 1863, Mr. Hardy was married to Josephine M. Kingsley, a graduate of Mount Holyoke Seminary, class of 1857, and daughter of Alonzo and Sophia Kingsley. Mrs. Hardy died June 19, 1871, leaving one son, Ashley K. Hardy, then ten weeks old, who has received his father's unremitting care. He was instructed by his father until he went into the Keene High School at the age of sixteen, and when he entered college he was able at once to take a leading position. He was graduated in 1894 as one of the leaders in his class, both in scholarship and in personal influence, being valedictorian of his class. He has since finished a three years' course in philology in Leipzig University, Germany, having spent the first year in the University of Berlin, and is to be Instructor in German at Dartmouth College the coming year. To Miss Esther Hills, who was to him a foster-mother from infancy to manhood, he is indebted for

much that he is. Her care, teaching, and constant watching were to him invaluable. The ties of parent and child still bind them together.

**E**LI C. CURTIS, an extensive dairy farmer of Lyndeboro and an ex-Representative to the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, May 3, 1821, son of Eli Curtis (second) and Sarah (Loring) Curtis. His great-grandfather, who, it is said, was a native of the northern part of England, came to America about 1725. The paternal grandfather, Eli Curtis (first), was born in Reading, Mass., in 1754, and was subsequently engaged in farming at Middleton, that State. In May, 1796, he moved to Beach Hill, which was formerly a part of Lyndeboro, but is now included in the town of Mont Vernon. He finally removed to another farm in Lyndeboro, and resided here until his death, which occurred when he was eighty years old. He was a Whig in politics and a Presbyterian in his religious belief. He married Susan Wilkins. Of her four children by him Eli (second) was the oldest. None are living.

Eli Curtis (second), the father of Eli C., was born in Reading, Mass., in 1784, and came with his parents to Lyndeboro at the age of twelve years. He established the first saw-mill here, and was also engaged in tilling the soil. His prosperity was earned by hard work. He was one of the five residents of this town who voted for the Free Soil candidates, and he became a Republican at the formation of that party. He married Sarah Loring, of New Boston, N.H., a daughter of William Loring, son of John Loring, who came from England in the army of General Wolfe in 1759, and participated in the capture of Quebec. She became the mother of twelve children, of whom Eli C., Betsey Ann, and William W. are now living. Betsey Ann is the widow of Robert Lynch, late of Lyndeboro, and her children are: Lillian and Herbert. William W. married Deborah Parker, of this town, and his children are: Abbie F., Charles P., and Willis C. Eli Curtis (second) lived to be ninety-two years old, dying August 6, 1876;

and his wife attained the age of eighty-eight. They were members of the Congregational church.

Eli C. Curtis attended school in Lyndeboro. When his studies were completed, he began work in his father's mill. Later he engaged in the manufacture of lumber and firewood. After doing a large and profitable business for many years in these industries, he finally retired to his farm. He owns about six hundred acres, which give him ample room for pasture, and he is one of the largest milk dealers in this locality.

On November 24, 1845, Mr. Curtis was joined in marriage with his cousin, Betsey Ann Curtis, a daughter of Asher Curtis, of this town. His children are: Isaiah B., Clara A., and S. Kate. The last named, who has taught school successfully in this county, is now the wife of Albert E. Swinington, of Lyndeboro, and has one child, E. Clarabel. She is active in the Patrons of Husbandry, and is at the present time District Deputy of the State grange. Clara, who is no longer living, was formerly a school teacher, and became the wife of Samuel Sheldon, of Wilton. In politics Mr. Curtis is a Republican. He served with ability upon the Board of Selectmen, and he represented this town in the legislature during the years 1872 and 1873. He is a Past Master of Pinnacle Grange, and is officially connected with the Congregational church, of which his wife is a member. Mr. Curtis is widely known in musical circles throughout Hillsboro County, where he has taught singing-schools for upward of forty years. He is especially interested in all educational advancement. Both he and his family have generously given time and money to assist in all movements of that kind.

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**A**BNER FROST, an esteemed resident of the part of Weare called Riverdale, was born in Tewksbury, Mass., January 4, 1814, son of Aaron and Susanna (Stearns) Frost. Aaron Frost, a native of Tewksbury, was a wheelwright by trade, and also followed farming. The greater part of his life was spent in Tewksbury. His last

years were passed in the home of his son, Abner, in Lowell, where he died at the age of eighty-six years. Susanna, his wife, who was also born in Tewksbury, died there at the same age. Both were members of the Congregational church. In politics, he was first a Whig and later a Republican. They had ten children, of whom three are now living: Aaron, residing in Tewksbury; Abner, the subject of this sketch; and Beulah, the widow of Isaac Hunt. Abner Frost remained with his parents during his early years, and was educated in the district school. After attaining the age of eighteen, he learned the blacksmith's trade, and followed it for a short time. Then he served an apprenticeship to cabinet-making in Charlestown, Mass., and subsequently followed that trade in various places, in the last of which, Lowell, Mass., he remained for about twenty years. In May, 1866 or 1867, he came to Riverdale, then called Oil Mills, and there for a number of years conducted a general store. Afterward for seventeen years he was employed as station agent on the North Weare Railroad, now a part of the Boston & Maine system. He has now practically retired from active business.

In 1837 Mr. Frost married Miss Mary Livingston, who was born in Tewksbury, Mass. She died February 24, 1887, aged sixty-eight years, four months, and one day. Four children were born of the union, namely: Frederick, who died in infancy; Carrie A., who married Arthur Black, and died, leaving four children—Ellen C., Carrie E., Walter A., and Ruth M.; Ellen J., who is the wife of William Pierce, of West Auburn, Mass., and has one son, Frederick A.; and M. Serena, the wife of John C. Hoyt, of Riverdale, and the mother of four daughters—Alice M., Carrie G., Maud L., and Edith L. Mr. Frost is a stanch Republican. In Lowell he was a member of the Board of Aldermen for two years, and also served for a time as Surveyor of Wood and Lumber. He has held the latter office here in Weare, was a Representative to the New Hampshire legislature for two years, was Postmaster for about sixteen years, and he has been a Justice of the Peace for many years. He is the senior member of Oberlin Lodge,

No. 28, L. O. O. F., of Lowell; and he is a communicant of the Baptist church, of which his wife was also a member. Mr. Frost has a nice residence in Riverdale.

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**I**RAD POOR, a farmer of Goffstown, was born here, September 2, 1822, son of Samuel and Jane (Wells) Poor. His grandfather, Samuel Poor, who was born December 13, 1758, in Rowley, Mass., lived there throughout the greater part of his life, chiefly engaged in general farming. A Revolutionary soldier, he served with General Gage in New York, and was present at the surrender of General Burgoyne. He died August 21, 1841. His wife survived him until April 21, 1853.

Samuel Poor, son of Grandfather Poor and the father of the subject of this sketch, born in Hooksett, N.H., April 9, 1787, settled in Goffstown about the year 1815, when the land was in rather a wild state. He engaged in lumbering and general farming, and built the present dwelling. He was a member of the First Congregational Church at Manchester. In politics he was a Republican, and always voted with that party. On August 3, 1816, he married Jane Wells, who was born in Goffstown, March 25, 1796. He died October 20, 1882, having lived but a little more than two months after his wife's death, which had occurred on the twelfth of the preceding August. They had seven children, of whom Irad, Jane, Louisa, and Asa are living. The others—Samuel, Julia Ann, and Daniel—are deceased. Jane married a Mr. Pike, and at present is living in Goffstown; Louisa married Mr. Gould, and lives in Providence, R.I.; and Asa lives in the State of Vermont.

Irad Poor remained in Goffstown until his majority, receiving his education in the district schools of Goffstown. He then went to Manchester, and was there employed by the Stark Manufacturing Company in the capacity of watchman, for several years. He was next engaged in the confectionery business until 1861, when he sold out and moved to the homestead where he was born, and which has been his home since. Here he has carried on

general farming, kept a dairy, and acquired a profitable milk business. Besides improving the buildings, he has added more land to the farm, which now contains about one hundred and fifty acres, mostly under cultivation. In politics he is a Republican, and he has acceptably served in the capacity of Selectman.

On May 4, 1847, Mr. Poor married Fannie George, who was born in Goffstown, January 13, 1829. She is the only surviving child of Nathaniel and Judith (Coggin) George, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Poor have had seven children—Fannie M., Frank I., Emma J., Tilon M., Flora M., Ella A., and Cora M. Fannie M. married a Mr. Marsh, and died, leaving a son, Joseph Marsh. Frank I. is deceased. Emma married Mr. Richards, and has two children—Ettell and Lena. Tilon M. remains at home and assists in carrying on the farm. He is a member of the O. U. A. M., Washington Council, No. 3. Flora married Mr. Austin, and has three children—Herbert, Everett, and Ralph. Ella married Mr. Pollard, and has one son, Hermon. Mr. and Mrs. Poor, accepting no creed, are members of no church. Both are highly respected in the town.

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**C**HARLES H. MARTIN, a farmer of Goffstown, was born here, June 8, 1846, son of Elnathan W. and Annie (Wells) Martin. His great-grandfather was Joshua Martin. His grandfather, Caleb Martin, who was born on the old homestead in this town, owned and successfully conducted a good farm. Caleb married Polly Whitney, and lived to the advanced age of eighty years.

Elnathan W. Martin, born October 20, 1812, son of Caleb, spent most of his life on the old homestead, chiefly engaged in general farming. In religion he was a Congregationalist. He held no public offices, but in politics he was a Republican, and he was one of the first to start the organization of the party in his town. He married Annie Wells, who, born in Goffstown, December 15, 1820, died June 7, 1882. His death occurred March 21, 1883. They had six children; namely, Mary

A., Charles H., Etta F., Hattie A., Selwin T., and Hattie E. Mary A. and Selwin T. are residing in Goffstown. Hattie E., Etta F., and Hattie A. are deceased.

Charles H. Martin was educated in the district schools of the town. He has followed the business of general farming, besides attending to a milk route in the city of Manchester, for the last twenty-two years. He owns a good farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres, on which are substantial buildings. In politics he is a Republican, and he has been Selectman for a number of years. He is a member of the Junior Patrons of Husbandry, Grange No. 150, at Grasmere. On December 31, 1881, he married Angie M. Richardson, who was born in New London, N.H., April 4, 1853, daughter of James and Mary E. (Armour) Richardson. Mrs. Richardson died December 31, 1891. Mr. Richardson now lives with his daughter, Mrs. Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have no children. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Active and enterprising, Mr. Martin is one of the leading men in the town.



**J**AMES S. PROUTY, a prominent business man and real estate dealer of Alstead, Cheshire County, was born in South Acworth, N.H., on January 27, 1856. His parents were Samuel W. and Sarah (Stearns) Prouty. His paternal grandfather was Willard Prouty, a well-known farmer of this section, whose life was spent partly at Langdon and partly in Acworth. He married Sally French, and they had a family of six children, Samuel W., above named, who was born in Langdon in December, 1815, being the second.

Samuel W. Prouty was in a general store for a number of years, and later was interested in a paper-mill. During the rest of his active life he was engaged in the cattle business, and by his own thrift and enterprise he accumulated a considerable property. Always so closely occupied by his own personal interests as to have no time for political affairs, he never cared to hold office. He died in

September, 1871. His wife, formerly Sarah Stearns, of Langdon, who was born in 1819, died in 1889, leaving one son, James S., of Alstead. Mr. Prouty's parents were regular attendants of the Congregational church.

James S. Prouty was an only child, and was educated in the schools of Alstead and in Boston, Mass. After his school days were over, he went into the post-office for a time, and later was clerk in a boot and shoe store at Fitchburg, Mass. He was then clerk in Town's Hotel, at Bellows Falls, Vt., for ten years; and after that time, while his mother lived, he was busy looking out for her business interests. Since the death of his mother Mr. Prouty has continued to care for his property, and has dealt considerably in cattle and horses and in real estate. He takes an active interest in town affairs, and has been Selectman for a number of years, being at present chairman of the Board. In 1895 he was sent to the legislature to represent the town, and served on the Committee on Educational Matters.

Mr. Prouty married Emily D., daughter of Samuel C. and Martha M. Savory, of this town. Mrs. Prouty was born in November, 1865. Mr. Prouty and his wife attend the Congregational church, and are always ready to aid in any of the benevolent enterprises of that society.



**C**O. WILLIAM DUMOND SWART, is a self-made man, who has won his way to eminence in political, financial, and social affairs. A son of William R. and Eliza (Dumond) Swart, long residents of Margaretville, N.Y., he was born in that town, July 9, 1856.

Colonel Swart's ancestors, both paternal and maternal, came from Holland, and were among the earliest European settlers of New York State, locating at and near Kingston on the Hudson River. His great-grandfather, Tunis Swart, son of Samuel Swart, lost his entire possessions at the time the British burned the city of Kingston during the Revolutionary War; and his son, Samuel Swart, grandfather of Colonel Swart, served through-

out the War of 1812 with honor and distinction.

On the maternal side, tracing back from the ninth generation, we come to Walerandt Du Mont, who was married in Kingston, January 13, 1664, to Margaret Hendricks, and who was at that time one of the Military Council, serving on the staff of the Noble Lord Director-general Stuyvesant in the Netherlandish service, and stationed at Kingston, N.Y.

William Dumond Swart acquired his education in the public schools of Margaretville and the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, Mass., finishing his studies at the age of eighteen. Soon after leaving school he obtained a clerkship in the wholesale dry-goods house of Evans, Peak & Co., of New York City; and he was with this firm about five years and subsequently with Bates, Reed & Cooley for two years. In 1881 he engaged in the decorative art business in Newark, N.J., and his enterprise was crowned with marked success. He was in this business about seven years, and then travelled for pleasure for two years through the United States. In February, 1890, he located in Nashua, N.H., engaging in the retail lumber business with Charles A. Roby, under the firm name of Roby & Swart. Two years later this firm purchased the edge-tool works in this city, and added a wood-working plant; and in 1894 they consolidated their retail business with that of F. D. Cook & Co., the united firms being incorporated under the name of the F. D. Cook Lumber Company. The consolidation was for retail purposes only. The firm of Roby & Swart retained the manufacturing and wholesale business under the corporate name of the Roby & Swart Manufacturing Company. Colonel Swart is a director in the F. D. Cook Lumber Company, a director and treasurer in the Roby & Swart Manufacturing Company, director in the Nashua Machine Company and the Nashua Trust Company, and a director and treasurer of the Nashua Building Company. He was elected to the presidency of the Nashua Board of Trade three times in succession, in 1893, 1894, and 1895. In politics he is a stanch Republican. He had been in Nashua but three years when he was elected to

the Common Council, in which he served in 1893, 1894, and 1895, occupying the president's chair the last two years. In 1895 he resigned to accept the position of Fire Commissioner, which he still holds. In January, 1897, Governor Ramsdell appointed him a member of his staff, with rank of Colonel, which position he now occupies.

He was married in Nashua, October 7, 1890, to Miss Lizzie A. Roby, daughter of Luther A. Roby, of this city, and has two children — Elizabeth and William Roby Swart. In society circles, Colonel Swart is very prominent and popular. He is a member of Rising Sun Lodge, F. & A. M.; Aaron P. Hughes Council, St. George's Chapter and Commandery; E. A. Raymond Consistory; and the Aaron P. Hughes Lodge of Perfection, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, having taken thirty-two degrees in Masonry. He is one of the directors of the First Congregational Society.

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 CAPTAIN OSCAR L. CONVERSE, United States Army, retired, is a native of Rindge, and was born August 9, 1843. He is a son of Captain Ebenezer H. and Sarah (Darling) Converse. His grandfather was Joshua, only son of Zebulon Converse. In 1845 Joshua Converse purchased the mills at what is now known as Converseville, where he engaged in the manufacturing of lumber and woodenware, and was later associated in business with his sons, Zebulon and Omar D. Converse. He increased the water-power facilities by constructing, mainly at his own expense, a reservoir, which was regarded at the time as a great public improvement, and is still the source of much benefit to the locality. For seventeen years he served upon the Board of Selectmen, was a member of the legislature in 1840 and 1841, and a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1850. Joshua Converse married for his first wife Polly Piper, who died leaving thirteen children; and for his second wife he married Polly Kimball.

Captain Ebenezer H. Converse, father of Captain Oscar L., was born November 14, 1811:

and with the exception of a few years spent in New Ipswich, N.H., he has resided in Rindge for the greater part of his life. He early took a lively interest in military affairs, having been Commander of the Rindge Light Infantry from 1834 to 1837; and at the breaking out of the Rebellion he promptly raised a company for the Sixth New Hampshire Regiment. He was commissioned Captain, and in the autumn of 1861 marched to the front, where he rendered efficient services for a year, at the expiration of which time he resigned his command. In October, 1835, he married Sarah Darling, daughter of Jewett B. and Hannah (Murdock) Darling, of Winchendon, Mass. She became the mother of four children, namely: Morton E.; Nettie S.; Oscar I., the subject of this sketch; and Clarence Converse.

Oscar I. Converse was educated in the common schools of his native town. When seventeen years old he enlisted as a private in a battery of New Hampshire Light Artillery, and on May 26, 1863, was discharged on account of physical disability. In July, 1864, he was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the First New Hampshire Cavalry, with which he served until June 10, 1865, when he was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant, and mustered out. In February, 1866, he entered the regular army, being commissioned as Second Lieutenant, and engaged in active service upon the frontier. In the following May he was made First Lieutenant. While serving in Arizona, he was severely wounded in the leg and shoulder during a desperate encounter with the Apache Indians, and for meritorious conduct upon the field was promoted to the rank of Captain. His wound was of such a serious nature as to incapacitate him for active service, and he was placed upon the retired list. He was one of the youngest commissioned officers in the regular army; but his knowledge of military affairs, unquestionable ability, and bravery in action gained for him the confidence of his superiors and the respect of his brother officers. After his retirement he received a leave of absence, and visited Europe with a view of obtaining a permanent cure for his disabled shoulder, remaining abroad for nearly five years. He is

now serving as a United States Inspector of Emigration and Acting Commissioner, being stationed at Quebec summers and at Halifax, N.S., during the winter season. Politically, he is a Republican, and in 1865 was elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives, serving on the Committee on Railroads. He is a member of the Loyal Legion, and is a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

While Commander of the United States Military Post at Walla Walla, Wash., Captain Converse was united in marriage with Coralie S. Mix, daughter of the Hon. James D. Mix, of that place. Their only son, Ralph Converse, is now a medical student at McGill College, Montreal. Mrs. Converse is a native of New Orleans, La., a graduate of the College of California, and has been highly cultivated in vocal music by the celebrated master, Cav. Francesco Lamperti, of Milan, Italy; and, although she made a successful début in grand opera at Arezzo, Italy, she has never become a professional cantatrice.

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**E**DWARD HARDY, a prominent farmer and dairyman of Hollis, was born in this town, August 6, 1825, son of Amos and Mary (Cummings) Hardy. His great-grandfather, Phineas Hardy, came here from Bradford, Mass., in 1751. The Hardy family, of whom there are many representatives in this section, are of Scotch ancestry. The Hardys of Hollis have been largely farmers. Mr. Edward Hardy's father and grandfather were coopers and farmers, and both spent their lives in Hollis. Amos Hardy was well known and respected throughout the county. He was a Republican in politics, in religion a Congregationalist. He lived to be eighty-three years of age, and his wife lived to be seventy-one. Their children were: Frances A., Daniel, Harriet, Edward, William, Horace, and George. Only four of these are now living.

Edward Hardy grew to manhood in Hollis, and was educated in the public schools of the town. When a young man he learned the cooper's trade under his father's instruction.

Subsequently he was extensively engaged in that line of business. In recent years he has carried on general farming. His farm of one hundred and fifty acres comprises orchards, tillage land, and pasture. His dairy products are of a high order, and he obtains large crops of fruit, particularly of apples. Last year he shipped one thousand barrels of apples to Liverpool, had besides two hundred barrels of first quality, hand-picked apples for the home markets, and about a hundred barrels more of windfalls. His cattle are fine stock of celebrated Holstein breed. Mr. Hardy has lived on the farm since 1850, and he has made many improvements, both by fertilizing and the erection of substantial buildings.

In 1850 Mr. Hardy married Louisa M. Wheeler, a native of Hollis, born in 1828, and a daughter of Major James Wheeler. Mrs. Hardy died September 20, 1881, leaving one son, Charles E., who lives with his father. Charles Hardy, who managed a milk business in Nashua for a number of years, now devotes his whole time to assisting in the care of his father's farm. He is married, and has two children—Harold and Louisa. He represented the town in the legislature of 1897. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of the grange, and also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is now in Mexico, engaged with other parties in clearing up six hundred acres of land, on which they intend to cultivate coffee and the rubber plant. Mr. Edward Hardy has always been interested in the civil and political affairs of Hollis. He has served the town as Selectman, and also as Town Treasurer. He is a Democrat in politics, and liberal in religious faith. He is a member of the grange, and he has been greatly interested in the work of that organization.

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**W**EBSTER L. RIXFORD, a well-known citizen of Winchester, N.H., was born in this town on August 6, 1848, son of Lucius and Adeline J. (Cook) Rixford. The family is an old one in Winchester, and from the time its first representative settled here has been one of the most prosperous in town. About 1782, before any

roads were laid out in this region, three Rixford brothers—William, Henry, and Simon—came from Grafton, Mass., to Winchester. Their father, whose name was William, and who may be here called William, first, was probably born in England. Simon, one of the brothers, did not permanently settle here. William, second, and his wife, Lucy Wilson, of Northboro, Mass., with their infant son Luther, came on horseback. They settled on the homestead now occupied by J. L. Reno Putnam. The first season a log cabin was built, and about ten acres of land were cleared. This early period was one of great privation and anxiety. Bears and wolves often prowled around, hungry for sheep or for human flesh; and, to add to the difficulty of procuring proper food, all grain to be ground must be taken to Northfield, Mass., where was the nearest grist-mill. The children of William and Lucy Rixford were: Luther, Lucy, Ephraim, William (third), Sally, Artemas, Harriet, Solomon, and Finis. Luther married Sally Hawkins, and was the first settler in the village of Ashuelot, and subsequently became one of the firm of Rixford, Fairbanks & Allen, manufacturers of cotton yarn. He also made scythes. After a time he removed to Highgate, Vt., where he carried on the last-named business, and where he died.

William, third, brother of Luther, and better known as Captain William, married Betsey, daughter of Lieutenant Amos Willard, and settled upon the homestead in the log house in which he was born. In 1812 he helped his father in building the house in which his son Willard now resides. Captain William Rixford was a successful farmer and a man highly esteemed as a citizen. He died on the homestead at the age of sixty-nine years. He had three sons and three daughters, namely: Eliza; Emily; William, fourth, and Willard, who were twins; Harriet; and Lucius. Willard Rixford, who resides on the Rixford homestead, married Rhoda Coombs, and has had a family of five children. J. L. Reno Putnam, above mentioned, married his grand-daughter, Nellie R. Rixford.

William, fourth, son of Captain William, married Sarah J. Cook in 1845, and brought

her to live at the old home. He formed a business association with his brother Lucius, which lasted until the death of the latter on December 1, 1882. For many years the two brothers worked together, and their lives were so closely and so harmoniously blended that a sketch of the career of one necessarily includes an account of the other. They had large farming interests, and besides did an extensive business in buying and fattening cattle for sale. They were known as successful cattle dealers, progressive farmers, and citizens who by their upright living reflected credit upon the town and could always be counted upon to look out for her welfare.

Lucius Rixford, who was born on April 23, 1818, married on November 8, 1842, Adeline J. Cook, daughter of John Cook and sister of his brother William's wife; and the two families lived together on the Rixford farm for about twenty years. At the end of that time, upon the death of their father-in-law, they removed to the John Cook farm. Here they lived for the ensuing eighteen years. A year after the death of Lucius, William moved to the fine residence near the village which is now occupied by his widow, who has no children living. William was four years Selectman and two years Representative. He was a member of the Universalist church. In politics he was a stanch Republican. Lucius was Representative for one term and was active in town affairs. During the time of the Know Nothings he was a Republican, but afterward joined the Democratic party, to which he ever after remained loyal. One of his favorite sayings was "Only fools don't change in politics." Both brothers were directors in the bank for many years, and were men of wide influence. Lucius is survived by two children: Sarah E., born September 17, 1843; and Webster L.

Webster L. Rixford, who worthily represents a family that has produced men of such sterling character, is popular in the town, and is actively interested in its social and business life. He is well informed on matters of public interest, and possesses much of the shrewd and keen business judgment for which his father and uncles have been so remarkable.

After leaving school he went to farming with his father and uncles, and subsequently engaged in butchering and the meat business, which he carried on successfully for twelve years. He then added a stock of groceries, and for eight years longer carried on this business most successfully, making twenty years in all. He employed two men, but did the butchering himself. During the latter part of this time he occupied a place in the village which he had built for the purpose, a large block. But this was burned, and Mr. Rixford never rebuilt. In 1888 he sold the land. The same year in which he went out of business he was appointed Deputy Sheriff, and that position he has occupied ever since, its duties claiming a large share of his attention. For fifteen years he has been a policeman. He is public-spirited, and is liberal in his support of any good cause. He has been prominently identified with the Republican party as one of its leading men in this town, and since 1891 has been Tax Collector. He is now janitor of the town hall and town library, the Universalist church, and the school-house. He is a member of Pekahonet Tribe, No. 20, of the Order of Red Men at Keene, N.H.

Mr. Webster L. Rixford married Emma F., daughter of Fred and Emmeline Robertson. Two children have been born to them; namely, Willie L. and Emma Frances. Mr. Rixford resides near his aunt, Mrs. William Rixford, with whom his sister Sarah makes her home.

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**P**TON. ROBERT M. WALLACE, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Hampshire, is a native of Henniker, this State, born May 2, 1847, son of Jonas and Mary (Darling) Wallace. His father was a well-known merchant of Henniker, and his ancestors on the paternal side were among the pioneer settlers of Londonderry, N.H. When a lad he attended the common schools and academy of his native town, and at the age of sixteen years entered Dartmouth College. He was there graduated in the class of 1867, and shortly afterward

began the study of law in the office of Mason W. Tappan, of Bradford, who afterward became attorney-general of New Hampshire. Having read law for three years, he was admitted to the bar in 1870, and he remained with Mr. Tappan for a short time subsequently. In 1872 he came to Milford, and formed a partnership with United States Senator Bainbridge Wadleigh, with whom he was professionally associated until the latter's removal to Boston, since which time he has practised alone. In 1877-78 Mr. Wallace represented the town in the State legislature. In 1889 he was a member of the Constitutional Convention. In 1883 he was appointed County Solicitor for Hillsboro County, which position he held during the succeeding ten years; and at the end of that time, in 1893, he was appointed by Governor John B. Smith as Associate Justice of the Supreme Bench of New Hampshire. Mr. Wallace was united in marriage in August, 1874, with Miss Elia M. Hutchinson, daughter of the late A. F. Hutchinson, of Medford. Three children have blessed their union—Edward D., Robert B., and Helen.

John M. Collins, who is the third representative of the family in direct line to bear that name, acquired his education in the schools of Peterboro. Since the completion of his studies he has given his attention to farming, and has managed the estate since his father's death with ability and success.

On June 10, 1885, Mr. Collins was joined in marriage with Mrs. Lizzie F. (Knight) Perham, daughter of Isaac S. Knight, of Tyngsboro, Mass. He has one son, Harold D., born June 26, 1886. Politically, Mr. Collins acts with the Republican party.

**H**ENRY W. HUBBARD, Town Auditor of Sullivan and an ex-member of the legislature, was born in Gilsum, N.H., March 18, 1850, son of George and Marcia J. (Wright) Hubbard. The grandfather, Daniel Hubbard, was a prosperous farmer of Walpole, N.H. The maiden name of his wife was Catherine Griffin, and their children were: Leonard C.; Willard and William, twins; Daniel; Catherine; George; Albert; Levi; Henry; and Fred.

George Hubbard, father of Henry W., was born in Walpole, N.H., November 18, 1827. He served as a soldier in the Mexican War,

**J**OHN M. COLLINS, proprietor of the old Governor Steele estate in Peterboro, was born in Francestown, N.H., May 31, 1852, son of John M. and Abbie S. (Dean) Collins. His grandfather, also named John M. Collins, some years after reaching manhood removed from Braintree, Mass., his native town, to Hancock, N.H., where he engaged in farming. From Hancock he subsequently removed to Francestown, where he cleared a farm from the wilderness, and resided for the rest of his life, which closed at the age of eighty-seven years. He married Betsey Brackett, who became the mother of eight children, none of whom are living. She died at the age of sixty-nine years.

John M. Collins, second, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Hancock, N.H., October 4, 1801. Having acquired a good education, he taught school in New Jersey for some time. Subsequently, settling upon

and after his return from the army he followed the cooper's trade for a short time. He subsequently located upon a farm in Westmoreland, from whence he moved to Gilsum, where he remained eight years. He then followed farming in Keene for two years, after which he came to Sullivan; and for the past twenty-eight years he has tilled the soil successfully in this town. His wife, Marcia, was born in March, 1838, a daughter of Jesse D. and Abigail (Mosley) Wright. She became the mother of three children: Arthur J.; Henry W., the subject of this sketch; and Emma J. Arthur J. Hubbard is a vocalist and music teacher in Cambridge, Mass.; and his sister, Emma J., who is unmarried, resides with him.

Henry W. Hubbard was educated in the schools of Gilsum, Sullivan, and Keene. He has always resided with his parents, and he assists his father in carrying on the farm. He is active and prominent in public affairs, having served as a Selectman three years and as Auditor during the past four years. He is a member of the Board of Health, and, while Representative to the legislature in 1877, was upon the Committee on Public Improvements. He is connected by membership with the local grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and is deeply interested in the welfare of that order. He attends the Congregational church.

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**W**ALTON H. ALDRICH, M.D., who has practised his profession successfully in Marlboro for the past ten years, was born in Swanzey, N.H., July 2, 1854, son of George H. and Hannah A. (Thompson) Aldrich. His parents were born in Swanzey, as was also his grandfather, Paul F. Aldrich. The latter was a prosperous farmer and cattle dealer, who drove many herds of cattle to the stock-yards in Brighton, Mass., and whose last years were spent at the home of one of his sons in Brighton.

George H. Aldrich, Dr. Aldrich's father, was in early life a mechanic, and formerly worked in the mills in this locality. For some years past he has been engaged in the fire and life insurance business in Keene. He

married Hannah A. Thompson, a daughter of Alvah Thompson, of Swanzey, and they reared seven children; namely, Walton H., Herbert C., Edwin T., Edith L., Eugene L., Emma M., and Sidney C. Walton H. and Emma M., who is the wife of Dr. A. M. Doolittle, a druggist, live in Marlboro; and the others are residents of Keene.

Walton H. Aldrich passed some time in Wisconsin during his boyhood. He attended the district school in Troy, N.H., graduated at the high school in the same place, and then pursued the course of study at the Agricultural College, at that time in Hanover, N.H., where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science. He was a student at the Dartmouth Medical School for one term; and, after continuing his studies in the office of Drs. Ira and F. W. Russell, Winehendon, Mass., for two years, he entered the medical department of the University of the City of New York, and was there graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1880. Locating at Gilsum, N.H., in the same year, he shortly removed to Rindge, this State, where he resided for seven years; and since 1887 he has practised in Marlboro. Dr. Aldrich is widely and favorably known, both as an able physician and a public-spirited citizen. He occupies a substantial granite residence on the old Greenwood estate in the centre of the village. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the New Hampshire State, Cheshire County, and the Connecticut River Medical Societies, is connected with the Order of the Golden Cross, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics he acts with the Republican party. During the Presidential term of President Harrison he served on the Board of Pension Examiners for Cheshire County.

Dr. Aldrich married Eliza J. Wilder, daughter of Mark Wilder, of Peterboro, N.H. Three children—Nellie E., George H., and Ethel J.—have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Aldrich; and besides these they had an adopted daughter, named Emma A. Stannard, who died at the age of six years. Nellie E. Aldrich is now attending Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, Mass.

**G**EORGE W. PIERCE, M.D., is a prominent physician and surgeon of Winchester, a veteran of the Civil War, and an ex-member of the New Hampshire Senate. Born in this town, April 24, 1833, he is a son of Dr. Hosea and Verlina (Putnam) Pierce. The father, who was a native of New Salem, Mass., settled in Winchester in 1828, and followed the medical profession with success until his retirement in 1857. A skilful and reliable physician of the old school, he is spoken of in the highest terms by the older residents, who remember well his unselfish devotion to his duties. For many years he was a leading spirit in local public affairs. In politics he was successively a Whig and a Republican; and he served as a Representative in the State legislature, and was the Postmaster for four years. After transferring his practice to his son, he engaged in the drug business as a means of keeping himself busy; and his store was frequently the scene of impromptu political discussions during the long winter evenings. He was not only noted for his professional ability, but by his genial disposition and generous hospitality he gained the esteem of all with whom he came in contact. His death, which occurred March 24, 1893, was the cause of general regret. He was connected with the Odd Fellows and the Masons, and was buried with Masonic rites. His children are: George W., E. Proctor, and J. Warren. E. Proctor Pierce, M.D., served as a medical officer during the late war, and is now practising his profession in Springfield, Mass. J. Warren Pierce studied dentistry, and practised it until he entered the army, where he served as a Lieutenant in the Thirty-fifth Regiment, United States C. T. Volunteers. After his return he was for some time engaged in a mercantile business in Claremont, N.H. Later he bought a farm in Cornish, where he is still residing.

George W. Pierce became familiar with drugs and their use at an early age. While still a boy, he was instructed by his father in the manner of compounding medicine, and previous to the completion of his studies he was able to attend to minor surgical cases. His early education was acquired in the dis-

trict schools, Townsend (Vt.) Academy, the Keene High School, the academy in Shelburne Falls, Mass., and at the New England Institute for Young Men in New York City. The knowledge of medicine and experience in practice obtained under the guidance of his father greatly facilitated his medical studies at the Berkshire Medical School, Pittsfield, Mass., from which he graduated in 1854. After graduation he immediately became associated with his father. He eventually took charge of the entire practice, and attended to it without interruption until 1864. Then he enlisted as Assistant Surgeon of the First New Hampshire Cavalry, in which he was later promoted to the rank of Surgeon. In an engagement fought at Back Roads in the Shenandoah Valley he received five sabre wounds; and, being left upon the field for dead, he was captured by the enemy, who conveyed him to Libby Prison. Later he obtained his liberty, and rejoined his regiment. After his discharge at the close of the war he resumed his practice in this town.

A physician and surgeon of recognized ability, the services of Dr. Pierce are in constant demand in Winchester and the surrounding towns, and he is frequently called to distant localities for consultation. Outside his profession he is the president of the Ashuelot Valley Electric Heat and Power Company, he was at one time chief partner in the S. M. Kendrick Steam Mill Company, and he is extensively interested in real estate. He is a member of the New Hampshire State, the Cheshire County, and the Connecticut River Valley Medical Societies, in all of which he takes an active interest. Politically, Dr. Pierce is a Republican. He has rendered valuable services to the town as a member of the School Board, and is at the present time the chairman of that body. While serving in the legislature during the session of 1875, he served upon the Committee of Election. As a member of the Senate in 1891, he was chairman of the Committee on Railroads, and he had charge and successfully carried through the bills authorizing the Boston & Maine and the Concord & Montreal Railroads to increase their capital stock. He is the president of

the Winchester Republican Club, has been a member of the State Republican Committee for the past thirty years, has been a delegate in many county and State conventions, and in 1896 was elected Moderator of town meetings for two years. He served as Surgeon-general upon Governor Currier's staff, was in April of the present year selected by Governor Ramsdell as a trustee of the State Lunatic Asylum, and for the past six years has been the president of the board of trustees of the Winchester Public Library. The Doctor has prepared historical sketches of Winchester for Child's *Cheshire County Gazetteer*, the *Granite State* monthly magazine, and the History of Cheshire and Sullivan Counties. He is a Past Commander of the local Grand Army post.

Dr. Pierce wedded Maria C. Follett, a daughter of William Follett, who was formerly a successful hotel-keeper and prosperous farmer of this town. Mrs. Pierce is the mother of four children, namely: Alexander F., who married Minnie H. Howard, only daughter of the late Albert M. Howard; Susan P., who is the wife of Walter O. Stebbins, a merchant of Hinsdale, N.H.; Abbie M., who is the wife of Edward C. Thompson, of Winchester; and Philip W., who resides with his parents.

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**G**EORGE R. PERRY, a well-known resident of Westmoreland, Cheshire County, N.H., where he has long taken a prominent part in town affairs, was born in Brookline, Vt.: April 16, 1826, son of Dr. William and Susan (Reed) Perry. His grandfather was William Perry, one of the first settlers on West Hill in Putney, Vt., where the Doctor was born.

When a young man Dr. William Perry settled in Brookline, Vt.; and afterward he removed to Newfane, Vt., where he died. He was a physician of high standing, with a large country practice, necessitating long rides on horseback. He was a strong Democrat in polities; he held many town offices, and served as a Representative to the General Court; and he was a man of decided opinions, but one who

made many friends. He died at the age of sixty-six. His wife, Susan, was a daughter of Timothy Reed. They had nine children, namely: Cheseldon, a prosperous hotel man; Caroline, who married David Sherwin; Thatcher; Jane, who married Thomas Wakefield, a lawyer of Boston, Mass.; George R., of Westmoreland; Lura, who died unmarried; Bertrand, who married Leavitt Wellman; Crogan, who died young; and John, who went into the hotel business.

George R. Perry was educated in Brookline, Vt., and at the Townshend Academy. Upon finishing his studies he learned the carpenter's trade, and for some time also he drove the stage. After his marriage he removed to Westmoreland, and took up agricultural pursuits. He owns at the present time one hundred and twenty-five acres of land, and carries on general farming. Mr. Perry is a leading Republican, public-spirited and liberal in his views and a favorite with his townspeople. He has held office in the town almost continuously since his first appointment to a position of trust. He has been Selectman for six years, clerk of his school district for thirty-three years, and is at the present time a trustee of the town. He has been Moderator, Supervisor, delegate to different conventions, and a member of various important committees.

He married in November, 1847, Jane M., daughter of Amos Blodgett, of Brattleboro, Vt. Three children were born of this union, namely: Addie F., who married Hibbard C. Black, of Putney, Vt.; Jennie L., who married George E. Corser, of Holyoke, Mass. and Kate W., who lives at home with her father. Mrs. Perry died June 22, 1896. In her death Mr. Perry lost a helpmate who had made his home one of the truest happiness, a woman of rare virtues, and a devoted wife and tender mother.

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**C**HARLES H. HARTSHORN, who conducts a thriving general mercantile business in Greenville, Hillsboro County, was born in this town, September 13, 1854, son of James and Mary

(Sawtelle) Hartshorn. His great-grandfather was an Englishman who emigrated to America and settled in Wilton, N.H., where he cleared a farm. Samuel Hartshorn, grandfather of Charles H., was born in Wilton, February 18, 1788, and was a farmer and lifelong resident of that town. He died in the prime of life, December 3, 1831. His wife, Mary Tarbell Hartshorn, was born in Mason, N.H., February 8, 1793. They had four children, none of whom are now living. The mother died at the age of eighty-three years. She and her husband were Congregationalists in religion.

James Hartshorn, who was the youngest child of his parents, was born in Wilton, May 26, 1829. Leaving school at the age of seventeen, he went to Manchester, N.H., where he served an apprenticeship at the tinsmith's trade, which he followed for some time in that city. He finally settled in Greenville, where he conducted a tinware business for several years. He subsequently opened a general store, and also dealt quite extensively in carriages. In his business career he was associated at different times with others, but during the last few years of his life he carried on business alone. He had a wide reputation for honest dealings and was respected for his many sterling qualities. He was a Republican in politics, and attended the Congregational church. His death occurred July 6, 1891. His wife, Mary Sawtelle Hartshorn, whom he married April 8, 1851, is a daughter of William Sawtelle, of Mason. She has had two children, one of whom is no longer living; and she now resides with her son, Charles H., the subject of this sketch.

Charles H. Hartshorn completed his school life at Appleton Academy in New Ipswich, N.H., and immediately began to assist his father in business. When the latter's health failed he took the entire charge of the store, and after the death of the elder Hartshorn he settled the estate. Since 1891 he has been sole proprietor of the store, and he has maintained the high reputation it acquired under his father's management. He is rapidly expanding the business into much larger proportions, and he is regarded as one of the leading merchants of this locality.

On November 30, 1876, Mr. Hartshorn was united in marriage with Nellie Medora Nutting, daughter of Joel Nutting, of Groton, Mass. He has one son, Linus E., who was born October 22, 1877. In politics Mr. Hartshorn is a Republican. He is connected by membership with the Masonic fraternity and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Greenville. He and his wife attend the Congregational church.

**G**EORGE F. BARNARD, a prominent dairy farmer of Bedford, Hillsboro County, and formerly a member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, September 8, 1848. His parents were Daniel and Martha D. (Riddle) Barnard, the former of whom was a native of Weare, N.H. The mother was born upon the farm in Bedford now owned and occupied by her son, the subject of this sketch.

Daniel Barnard learned the carpenter's trade when a young man, and subsequently followed it in connection with farming. The greater part of his life was passed at the farm on Bedford Hill, and he died at the age of sixty-four years. He was a citizen of ability and worth, and served as Town Treasurer and Postmaster for a number of years. In politics he was a Democrat. In his religious belief he was a Presbyterian. His wife, Martha, reared nine children, seven of whom are living; namely, David, Hugh, Martha, Margaret, Quincy, Eliza, and George F. The two deceased are: Mary J. and Henry. Mrs. Martha D. Barnard lived to be sixty-nine years old.

George F. Barnard was reared and educated in Bedford, and he has resided since his birth upon the farm he now cultivates. He owns one hundred and sixty acres of fertile land, which is especially valuable on account of its elevation; and the farm residence can be seen for many miles. As a dairy farmer he is unusually successful, and has a large and profitable milk trade. Politically, he is a Democrat. He served as a member of the Board of Selectmen two years, as Town Treasurer one year, and was Representative to the legislat-

ure in 1889. In each official capacity he labored diligently for the best interests of the town.

On December 24, 1873, Mr. Barnard was united in marriage with Sarah L. Moore, who was born in Bedford, December 9, 1849, daughter of William and Mary A. Moore. Her father, who was a native of this town, followed the trade of a brickmaker in connection with farming; and her mother was a native of Pelham, N.H. Neither is now living. Mr. and Mrs. Barnard have had two children, namely: Harry G., who was born September 18, 1878, and died April 5, 1892; and Alice Leone, born October 7, 1883. Mr. Barnard belongs to Hillsboro Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Manchester; Thomas Savage Commandery, No. 192; United Order of the Golden Cross of Bedford; and to Narragansett Grange, No. 46, Patrons of Husbandry. He occupies a leading position among the representative agriculturists of Bedford, and both the Barnard and Moore families are prominent in this locality. Mr. and Mrs. Barnard attend the Presbyterian church.

**H**ENRY C. MORRILL, senior member of the firm of Morrill & Merrill, Hillsboro, and formerly Representative to the State legislature, was born in Warner, N.H., May 14, 1833, son of John and Rebecca (Call) Morrill. The father, who was an industrious farmer, spent the active period of his life in Warner, and lived to the age of about eighty-three years. His wife, Rebecca, who was a native of Warner, became the mother of nine children, of whom four are now living, namely: Nancy S., Sarah, Henry C., and Fanny. Nancy S. married Nathaniel Loud, a late resident of Stoneham, Mass. Sarah is the widow of Samuel Webster, late of Methuen, Mass., and has two children — Carrie and Emma. Fanny became the wife of George Barnett, of Penacook, who is now deceased; and her children are Ida and Charles. Mrs. Rebecca Call Morrill died at the age of seventy-five. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Henry C. Morrill was educated in his native

town of Warner, and was brought up to farm life and labor. He subsequently entered the service of the Claremont & Contoocook Railroad as a fireman, and in course of time became a locomotive engineer. After continuing in the service for twenty-five years he resigned. While in the employ of the railroad company he had settled in Hillsboro. In 1875 he formed a partnership with Mr. Frank E. Merrill, of this town, under the firm name of Morrill & Merrill, and they have since carried on a general store here. In politics he is a Democrat. He was elected to the legislature in 1877, and re-elected in 1878; and he was a member of the Board of Selectmen in 1895.

On November 2, 1854, Mr. Morrill wedded Mary M. Smiley, of Hillsboro, by whom he has one daughter, Emily Belle, who is now the wife of Frank E. Merrill, Mr. Morrill's business associate. Mr. Morrill belongs to Harmony Lodge, F. & A. M., in which he has held various offices, and to Valley Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Hillsboro, in which he has occupied the principal chairs. He was formerly a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and was very active in the local organization. He is a man of much business ability, and is regarded as one of the progressive citizens of Hillsboro.

**F**RANK E. MERRILL, a member of the firm of Morrill & Merrill, who carry on an extensive general mercantile business in Hillsboro, was born in this town, February 17, 1854, son of William and Mary C. (Clark) Merrill. Daniel Merrill, Mr. Merrill's grandfather, was a prosperous farmer of Hillsboro, and in his day was one of the representative citizens of this town. He died at the age of sixty years. By his wife, Abigail, he had a family of seven children, of whom William was the fourth-born. But three are now living — Alvah, William, and Luke. Alvah married Caroline Gregg, of Deering, N.H.; and his only surviving daughter, Emma, is now the wife of John H. Locke, of Zealand, Coos County, N.H. Luke married Pamelia Wood, of Henniker, N.H.,

and has three children — Etta M., Ida F., and George W.

William Merrill, Frank E. Merrill's father, was born in Hillsboro. He was reared to farm life, has followed agricultural pursuits from his boyhood, and is now residing at the homestead. He has figured prominently in local affairs, having served as a Selectman, and having represented this town in the legislature. In politics he is a Democrat. His wife, Mary, was a daughter of Seth Clark, of Hillsboro. She became the mother of seven children, of whom four are living; namely, Daniel C., Frank E., Flora E., and Hattie E. Daniel C. married Melissa Severance, of Hillsboro, and has three children — Estella, William, and George. Flora E. is the wife of Salisbury Bickford, of Bethlehem, N.H., and her children are: Mabel, Mamie, and Howard. Hattie E. married Charles W. Gilchrist, of Somerville, Mass.

Frank E. Merrill acquired his education in the schools of his native town, and at an early age he displayed a taste and a capacity for mercantile pursuits. In 1875 he became associated in business with his father-in-law under the firm name of Morrill & Merrill, and they carry a large and varied line of general merchandise. Politically, he is a Democrat. He was Town Clerk for twelve years, and at the present time is serving as a member of the School Board. He is proficient in vocal music, and has led the choir of the Methodist Episcopal church for the past twenty-three years.

On June 16, 1875, Mr. Merrill was united in marriage with Emily Belle Morrill, a native of Hillsboro, and daughter of Henry C. Morrill, his business partner. He is highly esteemed as an enterprising and progressive business man, and both he and Mrs. Merrill occupy a prominent social position.

 WILLIAM S. LEONARD, M.D., the oldest physician of Hinsdale, N.H., is the only son of the Rev. Levi W. Leonard, D.D., and Elizabeth (Morrison) Smith, and was born in Dublin, N.H., October 13, 1832. His grandfather, Jacob

Leonard, was a lifelong resident of Bridgewater, Mass., and a Revolutionary soldier. Dr. Leonard's father was a Unitarian clergyman of distinction and an eminent scholar of his day. He was instrumental in establishing the first free public library in the United States at Dublin in 1825, and was the author of several valuable educational text-books, among them the "North American Spelling-book" being best known.

William S. Leonard prepared for college at Phillips Exeter Academy. During his college course and afterward he taught schools in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. He pursued his preliminary medical studies under Professor Albert Smith, of Peterboro, N.H., and graduated from Dartmouth College with the class of 1856, and from the Dartmouth Medical School in 1860, having taken high rank in both his classical and professional studies. In the autumn of 1860 he became associated in practice with Dr. Frederick Boyden, who was at that time the only physician in Hinsdale; and, as Dr. Boyden was interested in various outside business enterprises during the last ten years of his life, Dr. Leonard eventually succeeded to his entire practice. He has had an extensive clientele throughout this section, and acquired a reputation as a skilful and successful physician. As a member of the New Hampshire State Medical Society he was twice chosen a delegate to the Dartmouth Medical School, and in 1887 he delivered the annual address at commencement. He has served with ability upon the Board of Education in Hinsdale, and for many years has been identified with the public library of his town. In July, 1897, he was appointed by the Commissioner of Pensions as Examining Surgeon for Pensions upon the Keene Board. The Doctor possesses literary taste and ability far beyond that of the ordinary professional man, writes much for the local newspapers, and has been for several years the regular Hinsdale correspondent of the *Springfield Republican*.

On April 30, 1861, Dr. Leonard married Martha E. Greenwood, a daughter of Jackson Greenwood, of Dublin. There have been born to them seven children, four of whom

died in infancy or early childhood. The living are: Frederick S., Margaret E., and W. Jackson Leonard. Frederick S., is a member of the firm of Barrett & Leonard, printers, Springfield, Mass. Margaret E. has been a teacher in the high schools of Winchester and Hinsdale, likewise instructor in Latin and English literature at the Prospect Hill Seminary in Greenfield, Mass., for two years, and is highly spoken of as an accomplished scholar and excellent teacher. She is at present a member of the Senior class (1897) at Radcliffe College. W. Jackson Leonard developed artistic tastes at an early age; and, after studying at Cowles Art School in Boston, he spent two years abroad, during which time he was a student at Julien's Art School in Paris, and visited Florence and other art centres. Since his return he has devoted his time principally to artist pursuits. It may be said of Dr. Leonard that he is of a genial nature, looks upon the bright and mirthful side of life, always has a good word and a cheery smile for his patients, and believes in "the hearty laugh that doeth good like a medicine." Increasing years have not made him morose or dogmatic; but he keeps fresh and young in all his feelings and sympathies, the friend and companion of old and young alike, and makes no claim to being anything more or better than an alert, wide-awake, progressive country doctor.

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**G**EORGE SIMONS, the senior partner in the firm of George Simons & Son, who manufacture ladies' fine shoes in North Weare, was born May 13, 1828, in the part of Weare called Riverdale, son of Christopher and Nancy (Lock) Simons. His grandfather, John Simons, who was an early settler in Weare, spent the active period of his life in tilling the soil.

Christopher Simons, a native of Weare, was a prominent business man of this place. Besides carrying on lumber operations, he was largely interested in the manufacture of linseed oil. He was instrumental in building up Oil Mills, which took its name from his works; and he also cultivated a farm. In

politics he was a Democrat, and in his religious belief he was a Universalist. He died at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife, Nancy, who was a native of Deering, N.H., became the mother of nine children, eight of whom grew to maturity, and four are living. The latter are: Clarissa, born January 2, 1806, who is now Mrs. Richards, and lives in Riverdale; James, born December 26, 1808, who resides in the same village; Harrison, born July 14, 1813, who is also a resident of Riverdale; and George, the subject of this sketch. The others were: Hiram, who died at the age of seventy-eight; Louis, who died at eighty; Langdon and Lorinda, both of whom died at twenty; and Eliza Ann, who died at the age of three and one-half years. The mother lived to be seventy-eight years old.

George Simons received his elementary education in the town schools. Subsequently, after attending the Lebanon Academy for two terms, he was obliged to give up studying on account of poor health. His first employment for salary was that of clerk in the store of his brother Louis. At a later date he purchased the business and carried it on for a year, when it was destroyed by fire. On February 1, 1853, he resumed business at Weare Centre, where he conducted a general store until 1876. Then he disposed of the store and engaged in building, general farming, and fruit growing. He has dealt largely in apples, and, having made pomology a special study, has contributed articles upon that subject to various agricultural journals. Since 1891 he has been at the head of the firm of George Simons & Son, shoe manufacturers. This business was established in North Weare by J. W. Hanson in 1865, and the factory is now employing an average of twenty-five workmen. In politics he acts with the Democratic party. He was Postmaster for eight years. He has served as Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector, and he is now Agent of the town funds. He is connected with Wyoming Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

On September 30, 1854, Mr. Simons was united in marriage with Mary C. Bagley, who was born in Nashua, N.H., September 4, 1834, and died in June, 1870. On February

5, 1880, he wedded for his second wife Elsie Dearborn. She was born in South Weare, April 8, 1836, daughter of Moses and Betsey (Philbrick) Dearborn. By his first union there were three sons, namely: George F., born August 31, 1856; Louis C., born July 11, 1858; and Frank N., born December 10, 1866. Louis C. died February 23, 1861. George F. Simons, who died December 31, 1890, was one of the leading young business men of Weare, and served for a time as Postmaster and Town Treasurer. He wedded Marianna Gove, and left two children — George C. and Elmore G. Frank N. Simons fitted for his collegiate course at the Dean Academy, Franklin, Mass., and was graduated from Tufts College with the class of 1889. For a year and a half after completing his studies he was a designer in the toy works at Leominster, Mass. In 1891 he engaged in the shoe manufacturing business with his father. He is now the general manager, and the enterprise is rapidly developing under his charge. In October, 1892, he was joined in marriage with Mabel A. Colby, who was born in Weare, March 16, 1868, daughter of Stephen P. Colby. His religious creed is the Universalist. In politics he is an active Democrat, and he has been Town Clerk for two terms. Mr. Simons, senior, has been the clerk and treasurer of the Universalist society since 1859, and he is active in Sunday-school work. Taking a deep interest in agricultural questions, he is a member of Wyoming Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

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**W**ILLIAM ATHERTON, farmer, belongs to one of the oldest families of Chesterfield, N.H. He was born here December 18, 1826, son of Nathaniel and Charlotte (Fletcher) Atherton. The first American ancestor of the family, James Atherton, settled in Milton, Mass., where he was taxed from 1678 to 1703.

Joseph Atherton, one of his descendants, and a son of Oliver Atherton, was born at Harvard, Mass., August 15, 1750. He married in 1771 Hannah Farnsworth of Groton, Mass.; and on June 28, 1794, he purchased a tract of

land in Chesterfield, and settled here. "The field on which he lived, and on which he built a mansion-like dwelling, is now called Atherton Hill." Joseph Atherton was Selectman in 1798, 1799, 1800, and 1811; and he represented the town in the State legislature in 1817. He died April 4, 1830, "honored and respected by his neighbors and townsmen." His wife died in Chesterfield April 15, 1835. Their children were: Nathaniel, father of William; Oliver, born August 4, 1774; Arethusia, born May 15, 1778; Sally, born March 30, 1780; Humphrey, born May 4, 1783, who graduated at Dartmouth in 1806, and went to Philadelphia, where he became an eminent lawyer; Rachel, born June 8, 1787; and Lucy, born October 23, 1791. Nathaniel, the eldest child, married first, in 1801, Jemima Daniels, of Westmoreland, who died April 4, 1817. His second wife, Mrs. Charlotte Fletcher, widow of Abel Fletcher, and daughter of Ephraim Hubbard, died February 6, 1848. Nathaniel Atherton settled on the paternal farm in Chesterfield, and died here August 4, 1855. His children were: Emily, born January 13, 1803; Persis, born August 15, 1804; Nathaniel D., born August 13, 1806; Arethusia, born January 6, 1808; Joseph, born December 14, 1810; Humphrey, born January 19, 1815; George, born March 23, 1817; Charlotte, born October 9, 1819; Otis, born April 19, 1821; Hannah F., born July 25, 1823; William, born December 18, 1826, as above mentioned; and Rachel, born August 27, 1820.

Like his ancestors, Mr. William Atherton has taken an active interest in public matters, and has served his town faithfully and efficiently. He was Selectman in 1876, 1877, and 1878, Supervisor in 1880, Selectman in 1885, 1886, and 1887. He is a strong Republican and one of the representative men of Chesterfield, a man of integrity, practical ability and good judgment, and much esteemed. His life has been spent upon the farm inherited from his father. He married Hannah Maria, daughter of George Peirce, March 10, 1852. Their children are: John W., born December 26, 1852, who married Emma Bartlett, of Westmoreland; Joseph A., born March 9, 1856, who married Clara A. Whipple, of

Orange, Mass.; Anna M., born April 5, 1859, who married Frank Knight, son of John B., of Westmoreland; Fred E., the youngest son, born December 6, 1860, who married Laura Chamberlain, daughter of Samuel Chamberlain, and has one child.

Mr. Fred E. Atherton, after acquiring his education in the schools of Chesterfield, taught for some time in the district schools of Keene, Chesterfield, and Westmoreland. In 1882 he gave up teaching, and went to Orange, where he became a clerk in the dry-goods store of George A. Whipple. Capable and faithful, he was soon made manager of the store; and he remained there until, his health giving out, he was obliged to relinquish his position. He returned to his father's farm in 1890 to regain his health, and has since engaged in farming with his father. He is a Republican and active in politics. He is popular with his townspeople, and is now (1897) serving his third term as Selectman.

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**J**AMES KNOWLTON, an active business man of Marlboro, Cheshire County, was born in Dublin, N.H., December 20, 1828. He is a son of Luke and Mercy (Bemis) Knowlton, and a grandson, on the paternal side, of Deacon John and Elizabeth (Wright) Knowlton. Deacon John Knowlton, who was a native of Massachusetts, became one of the early settlers in Dublin. He was a blacksmith, and followed his trade in Haverhill, Mass. For many years he was Deacon of the Baptist church.

Luke Knowlton, father of James, was born in Dublin, N.H., August 1, 1801. He was in early life a farmer, but eventually became a stone mason and stone cutter. Settling in Marlboro in April, 1849, he continued in business here until his death, which occurred in 1883. He was widely and favorably known throughout this section as an energetic and reliable business man, and for many years he occupied the substantial stone house situated opposite the Frost Free Library. He held the rank of Captain in the Dublin Grenadiers, which then formed a part of the State militia. His wife, Mercy, whom he married

December 28, 1826, was born September 12, 1804, and was a daughter of James Bemis. She proved a faithful wife and a kind, affectionate mother. Her father was a patriot soldier in the Revolutionary War, enlisting at the age of eighteen, and serving three years. His father was much opposed to his enlisting, because of his youth; but one day, while chopping wood near the road, a party of men came along who were going to join the army at Boston. They told him of the battle of Lexington, and the news so increased his ardor for serving his country that he struck his axe into a stump, declaring that he would never take it out until he had struck a blow for American liberty. He joined the party, and reached the headquarters of the army just in time to take part in the battle of Bunker Hill. Luke and Mercy (Bemis) Knowlton were the parents of six children, namely: James, the subject of this sketch; Luke; Eli B.; Charles; Caroline E.; and Sarah A. Caroline is no longer living. Charles died in the army during the Civil War. Eli B. resides in Marlboro. Sarah A. is the widow of the late William M. Mason, formerly a prosperous merchant in Marlboro; and Luke, who is a veteran of the Civil War, is now associated with his brother James in business.

James Knowlton has been actively identified with the business interests of Marlboro since early manhood. In politics he is a Republican and in his religious views a Universalist. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is highly respected in business and social circles.

On May 23, 1854, Mr. Knowlton was united in marriage with Emily L. Mason, a native of Dublin, and a daughter of Dexter and Abigail (Adams) Mason.

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**J**AMES M. PERKINS, a prosperous general merchant of Marlow, Cheshire County, and an ex-member of the legislature, was born in this town September 11, 1853, son of Dr. Marshall and Harriet (Fiske) Perkins. James Perkins, his paternal grandfather, removed from Leominster, Mass. to Croydon, Sullivan County,

N.H., where he was for many years engaged in the manufacture of lumber and the carding of wool. The maiden name of his wife was Annie French, and they were the parents of four children.

Marshall Perkins, M.D., was born in Croydon, N.H., in May, 1823. He became a student at Dartmouth College; and, subsequently completing a medical course in Boston, he located in Marlow, where he has since resided. He has been quite active in political affairs, was Superintendent of Schools and served as Moderator at town meetings for many years. His wife, Harriet Fiske Perkins, who was born in 1833, daughter of Amos Fiske, of Marlow, became the mother of nine children, namely: James M., the subject of this sketch; Annie E.; Hattie F.; Waldo H.; Mattie; Daniel; Kate; Charles; and Jessie—all of whom were born in Marlow. Annie E. married Hiram D. Upton, a native of Jaffrey, this county, and a banker; and she has six children. Hattie F. is the wife of Dr. Abram Mitchell, of Lempster, N.H., and has three children. Waldo H., who is associated with his brother James M. in business, married Marion G. Russell, of this town, and has one son—Marshall C. Mattie died at the age of two years, and Daniel at the age of nine. Kate, who was graduated from the Manchester High School, and taught for some time, is now residing at home. Charles is engaged in business in Manchester, and Jessie is attending school at Saxton's River, Vt.

James M. Perkins was educated in the schools of Marlow, and for several years after the completion of his studies he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. Some five years ago he became associated with his brother Waldo in mercantile business in Marlow, and the concern carries on a large general store, which is well stocked with merchandise. Mr. Perkins has served as a Selectman two years, as Town Treasurer for a similar period, has been Town Clerk for the past three years, and was Representative to the State legislature in 1895, during which time he served upon the Committee on Insane Asylums. He is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Forest Lodge, of which he

has been Noble Grand; and the Patrons of Husbandry, Excelsior Grange, No. 136, of which he has been Master for two years. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Perkins married Gertrude Friend, who was born in November, 1874, a daughter of William Friend, of Washington, N.H. Mrs. Perkins is the mother of one son—J. Fiske Perkins, born February 1, 1896.

**L**EVI FRANKLIN LOWELL, general manager for the firm of Fessenden & Lowell, Merrimac, was born January 6, 1839, in Rindge, N.H., son of Nathaniel and Phidelia (Fisher) Lowell, of that town. The father followed the trades of carpenter and wheelwright for many years. He was always kept busy, and was noted for his industry and his willingness to oblige.

Levi F. Lowell grew to manhood in Rindge and in Fitzwilliam, N.H., receiving his education in district schools. When very young he became self-supporting, working at whatever he could find to do. Subsequently he engaged in the milling business at Brookline, N.H., and later on became interested in the manufacture of lumber. In 1864 he associated himself in business with Mr. Fessenden for the manufacture of barrels and lumber. The business was brought in 1873 to Reed's Ferry, where it has become very prosperous. When first started here it was conducted on a small scale, employing only fifteen men. At the present time about seventy hands are employed, and the annual output of manufactured products amounts to over three million feet. The business stands to-day as a leading industry in the town of Merrimac. The factory is supplied with the most improved machinery. The timber used is taken from large tracts of timber land owned by the firm. Mr. Lowell has the general supervision of the business.

On January 2, 1866, Mr. Lowell married Miss Hannah B. Hutchinson, who is a native of Brookline, N.H. Her children are: Mabel L. and Bertha L. Lowell. In religious belief Mr. Lowell is a Congregationalist and an active worker in the church of which he is a member. In politics he is a believer in the

principles of Republicanism and a stanch supporter of the party. His interest in town affairs has been active, and he has appreciated the vital importance of civic responsibility. He was Selectman of the town for three years, and in 1885-86 he represented the community in the State legislature. He is a member of North Star Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Townsend, Mass., and of Thornton Grange, P. of H., at Merrimac.

**W**ARREN ALDEN, Selectman of Alstead, was born in this town January 25, 1819, son of Alvin and Elizabeth (Allen) Alden. He is a lineal descendant of John and Priscilla Alden, who came in the "Mayflower." Great-grandfather Alden was a Colonel in the Revolutionary War and a man of great courage and ability. Moses Alden, the grandfather, born in Needham, Mass., was the first of the name to settle in Alstead. He was a farmer by occupation, and had the following-named children: Reuben, Alvin, Moses, Dexter, William, Maria, Elizabeth, and Sally. Reuben was a farmer at Woburn, Mass., and the father of six children. Moses, who went to the West and settled there as a farmer, married and had a family. Dexter became a hotel man in Lowell, Mass., and had a family of four children. William, who was a shoemaker and resided in Oneida, N.Y., did not marry. Maria became Mrs. John Blanchard, of Boston. Elizabeth married the Rev. Warren Wilbur, of Maine, a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church. Sally lived at Alstead all her life, and did not marry.

Alvin Alden, the father of Warren Alden, born at Needham, Mass., in 1791, came when quite young to New Hampshire with his father. He was sent to school at Keene, N.H. Afterward he was engaged for some time in farming for his father. He then bought a farm in Alstead and spent the remainder of his life here. He was active in town affairs and in all religious matters, being a Deacon of the Baptist church and a leader in that society. In politics he was a Democrat. He was nominated for legislative Representative, but was de-

feated. His wife, Elizabeth, who was a native of Surry, N.H., became the mother of five children — Warren, William, Mary, Sarah, and Louisa. William lived at home and was working in a factory at the time of his death, which occurred in his twenty-third year. Mary married Silas K. Vilas, a prominent druggist of this town and an influential man. Mr. Vilas's son is the proprietor of the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York. Sarah, who lived and died at home, never married. Louisa married Elisha Kempton, of Newport, N.H., a prominent man, now Registrar of Probate. They have three children — Mary, Alvin, and William.

Warren Alden began his working life as a farmer, first on his father's farm and then working out for twelve years. He then bought a farm. Later he purchased his father's farm, where he now resides. For the past two years he has been Selectman, and he is a member of the grange and a regular attendant of the Congregational church.

Mr. Alden married Lucy Slader, a daughter of Colonel Jesse Slader, of Aeworth, who has served in the State legislature both as Representative and Senator. Mrs. Alden is a descendant of Samuel Slader, who settled in Hingham, Mass., in 1725, and was there married, December 7, 1727, to Mary Wilder, daughter of Jabez Wilder. He subsequently removed to Connecticut with his wife and three sons — Edward, Samuel, and Thomas. The sons fought in the Revolutionary War, Thomas and Samuel serving in the Third Connecticut Regiment, which was adopted as Continental, and during the siege of Boston was stationed in General Putnam's centre division at Cambridge. Mr. and Mrs. Alden have had four children — Mary E., W. Walter, Willie E., and Elizabeth E. L., all natives of Alstead. Mary E., born August 9, 1853, was educated in the town schools, and subsequently taught school for a few years previous to her marriage. On December 7, 1893, she was married to Milan F. Green, of Alstead, son of Jonas Green. He is a farmer, Selectman, a granger, and a member of the Masonic order. W. Walter, born August 15, 1856, died in 1870. Willie E., twin

brother of Walter, died at the age of seven. Elizabeth, born January 19, 1858, who was educated in Alstead and in the high school at Newport, N.H., had taught school successfully for eighteen years, when the failure of her health compelled her to take an extended rest.

**C**HARLES HAGEN, of the firm Hagen & Ruefer, Peterboro, makers of organs and pianos, was born in Germany, February 14, 1848. His father,

Conrad Hagen, who was a shoemaker by trade, also served in the capacity of musical director whenever the occasion arose. Conrad died in 1863; and his wife, whose maiden name was Maria Rief, died in 1890.

Charles Hagen received his education in Germany. After leaving school he was apprenticed in a cabinet-manufacturing concern, where he remained nearly three years, learning the trade. Then he served an apprenticeship in an organ and piano factory, after which in 1864 he came to America, settling in New York City. Here for a time he worked at cabinet and pattern making, and also from 1869 to 1871 he bottled soda waters. Subsequently he got into the business of piano-making, working for such well-known firms as Decker Brothers, Albert Weber, and Steinway & Son, acquiring in various departments a thorough knowledge of the art, and sometimes serving in the capacity of foreman. In 1884 Mr. Hagen entered into a partnership with John and Sebastian Ruefer in New York City, under the firm name of the New York Piano Key Company, for the purpose of manufacturing piano keys. In 1895 the plant was moved to Peterboro, where a prosperous business has been done since. In 1893 Mr. Hagen and John Ruefer formed a partnership for the manufacture of the Hagen & Ruefer pianos; and they are still interested in the two enterprises, both of which are carried on in Peterboro. They generally employ about fifty workmen, while in busy seasons from one hundred to one hundred and fifty men are necessary.

On January 6, 1870, Mr. Hagen married Miss Emilie Miller, daughter of Carl Miller,

of Germany. Their children are: Charles, who married a Peterboro lady; Henry, who married Lizzie Jens, of Germany, and has one child, Pauline; Margaret; Herman; and Annie. Mr. Hagen, though still retaining his love for Germany and for German institutions, has become thoroughly Americanized, and is a loyal citizen of the land of his adoption. In politics he is an Independent. He is a Mason of New York Lodge and a member of the A. O. U. W. of New York City.

**A**LBERT BRADSHAW EATON, a leading business man of Mason, and son of Amos and Hephzibah L. (Simons) Eaton, was born April 10, 1852, in Lunenburg, Mass. His grandparents, Joseph and Betsy (Sheldon) Eaton, went from Reading, Mass., to Ashby in the same State, where they settled upon a farm. Amos was the fourth of their six children, all of whom are now deceased. Grandfather Eaton was sixty-seven years old at the time of his death, and his wife attained the age of sixty-four.

Amos Eaton, who was born in Ashby, learned the trade of a carpenter, at which he worked for many years. Later he did a large amount of stone work in the towns of Ashby and Fitchburg. The latter part of his life was spent in Lunenburg, where he conducted a farm. Amos Eaton was twice married. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Abigail Sherwin, there were three children, of whom Alonzo is now living. His second wife, Hephzibah, bore him five children, of whom three survive. These are: Albert B., the subject of this biography; Julius, who married Mary Ann Huntley; and Herbert A., who married Annie J. Allen, and has five children—Charles A., Clarence H., Arthur C., Winnifred C., and May C. Mrs. Hephzibah Eaton, who is a native of Groton, Mass., is now living at West Townsend, Mass.

After leaving school Mr. Albert Eaton taught school for a time. Then he learned harness-making, beginning at the bottom of the ladder. Since then he has worked his way upward to his present position of propri-

etor of a harness shop in Greenville. Mr. Eaton is also profitably engaged in farming on his estate in Mason containing forty-five acres of land. Here he makes a specialty of poultry and butter, and has always a large flock of poultry. On June 3, 1874, he was married to Miss Flora J. Whitney, a daughter of Milo L. Whitney, of Hookset, N.H. Their children are: Tracy A. and Orin W.

Mr. Eaton is a member, trustee, and the clerk of the Baptist church. He takes an earnest interest in politics, voting the Republican ticket. On the School Board he served for six years, and he has been Justice of the Peace for some time. The fraternities in which he has membership include the Greenville Masonic Lodge, Commandery No. 499 of the United Order of the Golden Cross, in which he has held the highest offices, and Lodge No. 20, Ancient Order of United Workmen.

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**C**APTAIN EDMUND P. HUTCHINSON, who has been identified with the leading interests of Milford for more than half a century, first as a merchant and later as an agriculturist, is one of the oldest native-born residents of the town. Born November 1, 1818, son of Reuben Hutchinson, he is descended from Nathan Hutchinson, one of five brothers who came to New Hampshire in Colonial days. Of the latter, two located in the town of Milton, Strafford County. Nathan and the other two came to Milford. His son, Reuben, who was a native of Milford, lived here all his lifetime, chiefly occupied in clearing and cultivating his land. His wife, whose maiden name was Lucy Hutchinson, was likewise a native of this town. She bore him eleven children, of whom three are now living, namely: Captain Hutchinson, the subject of this biography; Rebecca P., the wife of C. C. Shaw; and Janet, the widow of the late John Marvell, of Milford. The father was a Jacksonian Democrat. He attended the Baptist church.

After receiving his elementary education in the common schools of Milford, Edmund P.

Hutchinson attended a denominational school in Hancock, N.H., controlled by the Baptists. He assisted on the homestead farm after attaining his majority. When about twenty-two years old he was commissioned a Captain in the Fifth Regiment of the New Hampshire militia, and for four years thereafter was engaged in mustering and training militia men. In 1844 Captain Hutchinson embarked in the hotel business at Wilton, N.H., in company with S. N. and T. C. Center, and followed it for three years under the firm name of S. N. Center & Co. Returning then to Milford, he kept a grocery store for a time. In 1851 the Captain purchased his father's farm, the latter having been then somewhat enfeebled by age, although he enjoyed many years of life after that time, having lived until after the close of the Rebellion. From that time until the present Captain Hutchinson has been profitably engaged in general farming after the most approved methods. He has one hundred and fifty acres of land, which in point of improvements and appointments compares favorably with any estate in this locality. He has also carried on an extensive auctioneer business for forty-five years.

The marriage of Captain E. P. Hutchinson with Miss Maria L. Center was performed April 6, 1846. Mrs. Hutchinson was born in Greenfield, this State, daughter of Jonas and Sarah (Tay) Center, both of whom were natives of Woburn, Mass. When she was a child of four years, her parents removed to Wilton, Hillsboro County, where she lived until after her marriage. Four children have been born to Captain and Mrs. Hutchinson, of whom Frank E. and Francella M. are living. The Captain is quite prominent in Masonic circles, belonging to Clinton Lodge, F. & A. M., of Wilton, and to King Solomon's Chapter, R. A. M., of Milford. In politics he is a stanch supporter of the Democratic party.

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**W**ILL J. MOWER, one of the most prosperous farmers of East Jaffrey, Cheshire County, was born in this town, June 23, 1855, son of Liberty and Mary

Ann (Buss) Mower. His grandfather, Josiah Mower, who was a native of Topsfield, Mass., came to Jaffrey in early life, and followed general farming here for the rest of his active years. Josiah reared a family of six children; namely, Liberty, Josiah, Gilman, Watson, Rebecca, and Sarah.

Liberty Mower, father of Will J., was born in Jaffrey, January 27, 1803. He resided in Massachusetts a few years, but the greater part of his life was spent upon a farm in his native town; and he died in 1888. He was active in military affairs, being known as Captain Mower; and he was a Deacon of the Congregational church. He married for his first wife Emily Buss, and for his second, Mary Ann Buss, both of whom were daughters of Samuel Buss, of Jaffrey, the second wife being born in 1817. Mrs. Mary Ann Mower became the mother of three children—Ellen E., Samuel H., and Will J., the subject of this sketch. Ellen E. who married William Moore, resides in Peterboro, N.H., and has four children. Samuel H., who lives in Jaffrey, married Vinnie Carter, and has had three children, one of whom, a daughter, survives. The mother, Mrs. Mower, died in 1889.

Will J. Mower acquired his education in his native town, and since early manhood has given his attention to farming. He is engaged chiefly in dairying, and is one of the largest milk dealers in this section. He is also a leading spirit in public affairs, having served as Selectman, Town Auditor, and in other town offices. He is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry. In religion a Congregationalist, he is a member of that church.

Mr. Mower married Mary A. Sawyer, who was born September 30, 1855, a daughter of Alfred Sawyer, of Jaffrey.

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**F**REEMAN W. RUSSELL, an esteemed resident of Deering, was born in Washington, N.H., October 26, 1829, son of Amos and Sarah (Meades) Russell. His grandfather was Ephraim Russell, a native of Cambridge, Mass., who was engaged in farming, and kept a store in that town. Ephraim

married a Miss Frost, of Cambridge, who bore him nine children, none of whom are living.

Amos Russell, the youngest child of Ephraim, was born in Cambridge, Augst 18, 1791. When a young man he went to Mason, N.H. A short time later he and his brother Stephen took up a farm in Washington, erected a saw and grist mill, and tilled the soil for the rest of his active period. His death occurred October 30, 1883, at the age of ninety two years and two months. An industrious and energetic man, he made the most of his opportunities, and acquired a good estate. In politics he was a Whig. In the capacity of Selectman of the town and that of its Representative to the legislature he labored diligently for the general welfare of the community. For many years he was Deacon of the Christian church. His wife, Sarah, was a daughter of Stephen Meades, one of the first settlers in Washington, where he took up and cleared a quarter-section of government land. She became the mother of six children, of whom Hiram, Freeman W., George, and Elvira R. are living. Hiram married Lucy Miller, of Washington, and has one son, Arthur M. George, who has been three times married, by his first wife, Mary Ann Huntly Russell, has two children—Georgina and Marrian. His second and third marriages were contracted, respectively, with Juliette Chappell and Nancy Farnsworth, of Washington. Elvira R. Russell is the wife of Stephen M. Farnsworth, of Washington; and her children are: Eldora and Evis. Mrs. Nancy Russell died March 2, 1875, aged seventy-nine years. She was a member of the Congregational church.

Freeman W. Russell completed his education at Tubbs Academy in Washington. Then he went to Nashua, N.H., where he was employed in a grocery store for four years. From Nashua he went to Boston; and, after clerking in a wholesale grocery store there for two years, he spent the next four years selling agricultural implements through the Western States. After his marriage, in partnership with Leander Willey, forming the firm of Russell & Willey, he did a good business in fruit for twenty-eight years. Withdrawing from that concern, he was for several years

travelling representative for Sawtelle & Pratt, of Boston, importers and wholesale dealers in foreign and domestic fruits. Then he retired to the old and pleasant homestead of his wife, remodelled and fitted the buildings to their convenience and taste, and has resided there since. His other improvements have made the place one of the best tilled farms in the town. On April 20, 1858, he was united in marriage with Lucinda Q. Mills, of Deering. In politics he is a stanch Republican and a firm believer in the tariff. Both he and Mrs. Russell are members of the Congregational church.

**A**NDREW J. WALBRIDGE, a prominent business man of Peterboro and a member of the firm Walbridge & Taylor, was born in Randolph, Vt., July 1, 1845, son of Hiram and Lucy M. (Fisk) Walbridge. The first of the name in this country was Henry Walbridge, of Norwich, Conn., a seventh son. The town records of Preston, Conn., show that on the 25th of December, 1688, Henry Walbridge was married to Anna Ames, of that place. Both he and his brother William, of Devonshire, England, took part in the Monmouth Rebellion against King James II., and on its failure fled to this country. Thirteen of the family are known to have fought in the Revolutionary War. Prominent among these was General Ebenezer Walbridge, of Bennington, Vt. Five of the family served in the War of 1812, while thirty-three of the name fought for the Union in the war of the Rebellion. Henry's son, Ames, was the father of Eliezer, who, born about the year 1743, married Abigail Washburne, and in 1787 removed to Randolph, Vt., where he spent the rest of his life. Eliezer's son, William Walbridge, the grandfather of Andrew J., owned and cultivated a good farm in Brookfield, Vt., and lived to an advanced age. William successively married Hannah and Fanny Parish, who were sisters. By the first marriage he had three children — William, Hiram, and Hannah. His second wife bore him seven children, of whom three died in childhood. Two of his children are now

living, namely: Lucinda, who is the widow of Otis W. Smith, and resides in Brookfield, Vt.; and Fanny, the wife of the Rev. William S. Palmer, D.D., of Norwich, Conn.

Hiram Walbridge, the father of Andrew J., was born in Brookfield, Vt. When a young man he setted in Randolph, where he was engaged in farming until 1850. Then he moved to Roxbury, Vt., and there resided for the rest of his life. He died at the age of eighty-four years. In politics he was a Democrat, and for many years he acted as a Justice of the Peace. He was an estimable and worthy man, and his prosperity was the result of industry and toil. His wife, Lucy M., who was a daughter of Ezra Fisk, of Killingly, Conn., became the mother of five sons — Charles D., the Rev. William Henry, George L., Andrew J., and Albert D. Charles D. married Vilora M. Wiley, of Roxbury, for his first wife, of whose children Charles L. is living. For his second wife he married Mrs. Carrie Butler Ward, who bore him three children, namely — Winnifred, Ethel, and Victor. The Rev. William Henry Walbridge, who served in the Civil War with the Sixteenth Massachusetts Battery, is now a Unitarian minister in Rochester, N.H. He married Fanny Burnham, who died leaving three children — Elmer B., Charles F., and Lucy M. George L. married Celia A. Prentiss, of Waitsfield, Vt., and has two children — Edith and Mattie. Albert D., who was born in June, 1849, died in March, 1876. He married Jennie S. Smith, of Roxbury, who is now the wife of Judge Zed S. Stanton, of that town. Mrs. Hiram Walbridge lived to be sixty-three years old.

Andrew J. Walbridge was educated in the schools of Roxbury. After completing his studies, he was for five years employed in farming. He next entered the service of the Vermont Central Railroad Company as assistant station agent in Roxbury, and continued in that capacity for two years. Beginning in 1872, he was a clerk in a general store of Roxbury for ten years. In 1882 he came to Peterboro, and formed a partnership with his present business associate, Mr. E. H. Taylor, under the firm name of Walbridge & Taylor. They carry a large stock of general merchandise, and have

had a thriving trade since starting in business. In 1888 they bought the old stone grist-mill, which they have improved and are now operating. They also have erected and carry on a shoe factory.

On June 15, 1880, Mr. Walbridge was joined in marriage with Hattie J. Burnham, daughter of Edwin P. Burnham, of Roxbury, by whom he has become the father of two children. These are: Carey A., born May 14, 1882; and Robert E., born August 2, 1888. In politics Mr. Walbridge acts with the Republican party, is quite prominent in public affairs, and has been a Water Commissioner since the organization of the Board in 1896. He is a trustee of Peterboro Lodge, No. 15, I. O. O. F. One of the progressive men of Peterboro, he fully merits the esteem in which he is held. Mr. Walbridge attends the Unitarian church.

**J**OHN Q. A. CALDWELL, a farmer of New Boston, was born here, November 9, 1824, son of Samuel and Sarah B. (Sprague) Caldwell. His grandfather, David Caldwell, with his brother Matthew, was one of the early settlers of the town, in the eastern part of which they took up wild land. David Caldwell, who was a sturdy man, lived to a fair age. His son Samuel was born in New Boston in 1793, where he spent his life. He was Captain of the old artillery company there, and a prominent man in the town. He married Sarah B. Sprague. At his death he was but thirty six years old. His wife lived to the advanced age of ninety-one years, six months, and twenty-four days. They had four children — Martha M., John Q. A., Sarah E., and Samuel B. Martha M. married a Mr. Butterfield, and died at the age of sixty-eight years. Sarah E. married George Butterfield, and at present is residing in Bedford. Samuel B. died in California about the year 1851.

John Q. A. Caldwell was educated in the schools of his native town. He has since followed general farming and resided on the home farm, which has been in the family since the early settlement of the town. His mother remained there with him until her death. He

has remodelled and enlarged the buildings. The farm, now containing about two hundred and sixty acres of land, is one of the most picturesque places in the town. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never held public office.

On October 2, 1856, Mr. Caldwell married Mercie J. Hall, who was born in Chester, N.H., February 6, 1820, daughter of Moses and Mary (Cochran) Hall. Her grandfather married Lois Atwood, of Haverhill, who was a sister of Moses Atwood, of whom Harriett Newell, one of the first missionaries to go to India from this country, was a daughter. Mrs. Caldwell's mother was a sister of the Hon. Clark B. Cochran, of Albany, N.Y., who was formerly a member of Congress. She was educated at Atkinson Academy and Meredith Bridge. They have four children, as follows: George Q., born June 29, 1857; Lizzie Rebecca, June 30, 1859; Mary A., July 24, 1861; and Helen M., June 16, 1865. The son completed his education at McCollom Institute at Mont Vernon, and the daughters at Pinkerton Academy at Derry, N.H. George Q. married Mary A. Whittemore, and is the father of four children — Charles B., Quincy J., Mabel A., and William B. Lizzie Rebecca is the wife of Fred S. Pillsbury, of Derry, N.H., and they have had two children — Hobart B. and Lillian M. The latter is now deceased. Mary A. married George Hall, of Pittsfield, N.H., and they have three children — Quincy R., Everett, and Ruth. Helen married Edward Davis, and at present is residing in Raymond, having one child, Helen Beatrice. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell both attend the Congregational church. A Caldwell family together with the Campbells and Warrens were among the very first settlers of New Boston. Mr. Caldwell is one of the most respected citizens of the town.

**H**ENRY HOOKER, who lived to be past ninety years of age, a venerable and much respected citizen of Hinsdale, N.H., was born July 5, 1791, in Charlestown, N.H., son of Seth and Abigail (Gay) Hooker. His father was a son of the Rev. John Hooker, who was born in 1729,

(Yale College, 1751), and was pastor of the Congregational church in Northampton, Mass., from December, 1753, till his death from small-pox in February, 1777. The inscription on his monument says, "In him an excellent and cultivated genius, engaging manners, and the temper of the gospel combined to form an able and faithful minister, and to render him exemplary and beloved in all the relations of life." [See Sprague's "Annals of the American Pulpit," vol. i.]

The Rev. John Hooker was a grandson of the Rev. Samuel Hooker, of Farmington, Conn., and great-grandson of the Rev. Thomas Hooker, the founder of the Connecticut Colony, and pastor of the First Church at Hartford, 1636-47. This distinguished divine, as is well known to all who are familiar with the early history of New England, took a prominent part in affairs of Church and State. His death from an epidemic in July, 1647, was much lamented. He was eulogized as the "incomparable Hooker," a "great light," a "man in whom learning and wisdom were tempered with zeal, holiness, and watchfulness." [See Sprague's "Annals," vol. i., also "Thomas Hooker," in "Makers of America" Series.] As a pioneer of civil and religious freedom his memory is justly honored.

Seth Hooker, son of the Rev. John Hooker, followed the life of a farmer. He was a worthy citizen, and held a high place in the esteem of his fellow-townsmen. His wife, Abigail, was a daughter of the Rev. Bunker Gay, the first settled minister at Hinsdale, N.H. Their children were: Sally Gay, Henry, Abigail P., George, Delia, and Bunker G. Henry Hooker worked for many years at the wheelwright's trade, but finally gave it up for farming. He was a prominent member of the Congregational church. He married October 23, 1816, Mary Daggett, of Westmoreland, by whom he had the following children: Amelia P., who died in infancy; Julia W., who married Henry M. Jones; George Prentice; Charles Gay; Anson Cary; Henry Clay; Almira A.; and Minnie S.

George P. Hooker, a farmer and a representative citizen of Hinsdale, has held many town offices.

**T**HOMAS A. HASTINGS, one of the representative business men of East Sullivan, Cheshire County, was born in Sullivan, this county, August 25, 1850, son of William and Lestina (Emerson) Hastings. His grandfather, Benjamin Hastings, who came from Massachusetts, settled in Sullivan, and was an industrious farmer.

William Hastings, father of Thomas A., was born in Bolton, Mass., and reared in the town of Sullivan, this county, where he subsequently cultivated a farm. His family consisted of eleven children; namely, Experience, Nancy, Mary, Lestina, Almeda, Arvilla, Benjamin, Thomas, Thomas A., William, and another who died in infancy.

Thomas A. Hastings received his elementary education in the schools of Sullivan, and completed his studies at the academy in Marlow. He then engaged in the manufacture of lumber, including building material and chair stock, which business he still follows, besides operating a grist-mill. Aside from his manufacturing enterprises he carries on a large farm, and is an extensive raiser of cattle. He is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Knights of Pythias, and the Patrons of Husbandry. In his religious belief he is a Congregationalist.

Mr. Hastings married Ida P. Hale, who was born June 30, 1857, at Littleton, Mass., daughter of Cummings Hale, of Weston, Vt. Mrs. Hastings is the mother of seven children — Benjamin A., Lestina P., William A., Harry C., Nettie A., Mary A., and Nellie M.

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 **LIVER H. HIGGINS** is a well-known business man and town officer of Hinsdale, Cheshire County, N.H. He was born in Dummerston, Vt., January 13, 1828, son of Alpheus, Jr., and Rebecca (Thomas) Higgins. His grandfather, Alpheus, Sr., formerly lived in Hartland, Vt., whence he removed to Dummerston, and afterward to Londonderry, in the same State, where he died. He had six children — Alpheus, Harvey, Horace, Nancy, Julia, and Phoebe.

His son Alpheus was born in Hartland,

April 14, 1800. He was a stone mason by trade, but engaged variously in farming, lumbering, and jobbing in Dummerston, where he lived for twenty-eight years. He was an old-line Whig and afterward a Republican, but never sought office. He was a member of the Congregational church in Hinsdale, where he lived from 1833 until 1852, and to which place he returned about 1862, and remained until the time of his death, August 10, 1876.

He married a daughter of Daniel Thomas, who belonged to an old Hinsdale family. They had six children, namely: James, born January 12, 1821, who married first January 22, 1854, Hannah Berry, and second October 1, 1873, Eunice Thomas, and died December 22, 1892; Henry, born January 8, 1824, who married November 26, 1851, Typhena D. Wood, and died June 19, 1894; Oliver H.; Newman L., born January 5, 1833, who married November 1, 1855, Ann L. Hunt; Almira M., born May 25, 1836, who married December 5, 1855, William W. Perkins; and Ellen Frances, who was born September 29, 1839, and died June 5, 1878, having married September 22, 1864, J. S. Adams, who had been secretary of the State Board of Education of Vermont, and who died in Florida. It is a coincidence that the four boys were born in the month of January, their birthdays occurring between the fifth and thirteenth days. The mother was born May 13, 1801. She died March 5, 1883.

Oliver H., the third son, worked on his father's farm until twenty-two years of age, learning from him much of the stone mason's work. After marriage he moved with his wife to Somerset, Vt., then a new country, where they lived for two years, making their home in a log house. Mr. Higgins there took up land to the extent of one hundred and fifty acres, twenty of which had been chopped over and burned. Removing thence to Mendon, Vt., he engaged in lumbering in the woods for a year's time. He subsequently tried life in Illinois, working at the carpenter's trade; but ague attacked him, and he returned to Vermont, going into the tannery in Rutland, and spending two years there. He finally settled permanently in Hinsdale, and has since given his attention

to various kinds of business, including general jobbing, such as stone work and moving buildings. As a contractor, employing from eight to twenty men, he has been extensively engaged on work requiring the skill of a stone mason, constructing abutments of bridges and laying the foundations of the best buildings of the place, among them the town hall and some of the largest mills, similar structures in other towns also bearing witness to his diligence and capacity. Mr. Higgins was in the livery business for eighteen years, and he carried on the ice business formerly owned by Mr. N. M. Worden for one year, and in company with Mr. Worden he bought lots extensively for lumber; in fact, he has been engaged in the lumber business in the winter time for more than twenty years.

He married April 9, 1850, Harriet A. Fisher, born in Hinsdale, April 25, 1831, daughter of Daniel and Rhoda (Peck) Fisher, of Westminster, Vt. Her father was born August 12, 1796. He had three children—Harriet A., John R., and Mira P. John R., born November 18, 1832, married first Deney D. Davis, November 29, 1854, married second Abbie L. Nichols, September 5, 1867, and married third July 4, 1878, Elizabeth N. Lock. Mira P. Fisher, born November 28, 1839, married Clement S. Miner, August 28, 1858, and died January 11, 1891.

Mr. and Mrs. Higgins have had four children—Alfred H., Orson S., Hattie C., and Rest A. Alfred H. Higgins, born in Somerset, Vt., March 17, 1851, married July 8, 1874, Cora Noyes, and is now living in Denver, Col. Orson S., born in Mendon, Vt., May 28, 1854, married May 31, 1877, Ida M. Slifield, and is now farming in Hinsdale. Hattie C., born in Hinsdale, March 23, 1860, married C. Herbert Bolton, and died April 6, 1890. Rest A., born in Hinsdale April 6, 1865, married May 1, 1889, Ralph E. Metcalf.

Mr. Higgins has been highly influential in town affairs, having held the office of Selectman for some years. He served on the building committee for the town hall, and, serving as Highway Surveyor for a longer period than any other man in town, has done much work in road building and repairing. He takes an ac-

tive interest in the affairs of the Congregational church, and has been sexton of the Cemetery Association for fifteen years past.

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**P**ERLEY W. DODGE,\* a well-known citizen of Amherst, N.H., was born in this town on March 28, 1839.

He comes of good stock on both the paternal and maternal sides, being descended from two of Hillsboro County's honored and respected families.

Mr. Dodge's father, the late Perley Dodge, was born May 17, 1799, in Francestown, N.H., son of William and Rachel (Poland) Dodge, substantial members of the farming community in which they lived. When sixteen years old he left home to continue his higher education, and in 1824 was graduated at Union College, Schenectady, N.Y. He subsequently studied law with Titus Brown, of Francestown, and later with Nehemiah Eastman, of Farmington, this State. Admitted to the New Hampshire bar in October, 1827, he immediately began the practice of his profession with his former instructor, Titus Brown, at Francestown and New Boston, their partnership continuing until 1832. In that year he removed to Amherst, where he resided until his demise, April 1, 1888, building up an excellent practice, and establishing a reputation for professional skill and knowledge second to none other in this section of the State. In 1839 he was appointed Clerk of Hillsboro County, a position which he faithfully and ably filled until March, 1857, during that long term of service taking every verdict from the jury with one exception, the omission on that occasion having been caused by his illness. Resuming his private practice in 1857, he continued actively engaged during the remainder of his years, his record from his admission to the bar until his death showing that he attended every court of record in the county during his years of professional labor. He was a calm, dignified, plain-spoken man, possessing much firmness and decision of character, and endowed with a clear judgment and comprehensive intelligence, conservative in his views, and ever in hearty sympathy with

whatever tended to elevate the mental and moral tone of the community in which he lived and of society in general. In politics he was a Democrat. He was elected from Amherst as a Representative to the General Court in 1837 and again in 1853 and 1854, in 1853 serving as chairman of the Committee on Banks and the following year as chairman of the Committee on Railroads.

Perley Dodge married May 31, 1831, Miss Harriet Woodbury, daughter of the late Hon. Peter Woodbury, of Francestown, N.H., and a sister of the late Judge Levi Woodbury, of Portsmouth. Of this union were born three children: Martha W., Perley W., and Charles W., now a merchant in Nashua. The mother died February 11, 1887. Charles W. Dodge, an enterprising and public-spirited man, was for some time one of the foremost citizens of Amherst and for many years a member of the Society for Village Improvement. He was engaged in mercantile pursuits in Amherst and in New Boston prior to his removal to Nashua, and in both places served as Postmaster. In politics, like his father and brother, he affiliates with the Democratic party.

Perley W. Dodge attended the public schools of Amherst until twelve years old, when he was sent from home to further continue his studies, first at the academy in Francestown, then in New Ipswich, and subsequently at Comer's Commercial College of Boston, Mass., where he was graduated. When about eighteen years old he became a clerk for Mr. C. B. Tuttle, of this town, remaining with him for a time, and then going to Boston, where he became clerk and book-keeper for a mercantile house. Mr. Dodge subsequently returned to Amherst, and for some fifteen years assisted his father in a clerical capacity, and during the season opened his house for the reception of summer boarders.

On August 13, 1863, Mr. Dodge married Miss Sophia E. Phelps, daughter of the late Horace Phelps, of Amherst, N.H. They have one son, Charles P. Dodge, a resident of Chester, Vt. Mrs. Dodge is a woman of rare ability and influence, and is prominently identified with the Woman's Relief Corps, having been president of the C. H. Phelps

W. R. C.; and for a year she had the distinction of serving as president of the New Hampshire State W. R. C. She is also a member of the Order of the Golden Cross, and for a number of years has been a member of the Amherst Board of Education. Mr. Dodge is a member of the Amherst Grange. Mr. and Mrs. Dodge attend the Congregational church. Both are held in high estimation throughout the community; and their pleasant home is the centre of social activity, being an attractive place of resort for their large circle of friends and acquaintances.

**J**AMES A. CRAIG, M.D., a popular physician of Westmoreland, was born in Hebron, N.Y., March 19, 1859, son of James and Mary (White) Craig. The father, having begun on a small scale, ultimately acquired what is claimed to have been the largest commission business in the place and considerable real estate. A leading Democrat, he was quite influential in politics. By his first wife, Mary White Craig, he became the father of James A. His second wife bore him two sons—John P. and Robert Henry.

After graduating from the Hebron High School, James A. Craig prepared for college at the Fort Edward Institute. He entered the University of Vermont at Burlington in 1876, and graduated in 1880 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Entering the Medical School connected with that University in 1881, he graduated with honors in 1885. Then he came to Westmoreland, succeeding to the practice of Dr. George Chamberlain, who removed to Nebraska. Since then he has much increased the already large practice of his predecessor.

On October 21, 1885, Dr. Craig married Emma L. Dixon, a daughter of Henry Dixon, of Argyle, N.Y.; and during Mrs. Craig's life no party was considered complete without the Doctor and his wife. The Doctor, who has shown an aptitude for the mimic stage, has taken the lead in arranging and rehearsing dramatic entertainments. The death of his wife in 1896, a severe blow to her large circle

of friends, was an irretrievable loss to him. By him she had two children—Meeda J. and Lyle Linwood. He is a member of the Cheshire County Medical Society, of the New Hampshire State Medical Society, and of the Connecticut River Valley Medical Society. He has served for seven years on the School Board, has been its chairman for two years, and is the Master of Westmoreland Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. His townspeople would gladly honor him with any office in their power, were he not so valuable to them as a physician and as a member of the School Board. Feeling a deep interest in the schools of the town, he has given much thought to the best way of raising their standard.

**N**ATHANIEL TAY MCINTIRE, one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Lyndeboro, N.H., Deacon of the Congregational church, and sometime Treasurer of the town, was born here November 26, 1822, son of Elias and Elizabeth (Buxton) McIntire. His parents were natives of North Reading, Mass., where Philip McIntire, the founder of this branch of the family, was an early settler.

Philip McIntire had a son David, who in 1712 married Martha Graves. Their son, David, Jr., married Margaret Buxton, of Middleton, Mass., and was the father of Elias McIntire, Sr., who married for his first wife Bethiah, daughter of Jabez Hayward, of Andover, Mass., and for his second wife a Miss Underwood, by whom he had eight children. He settled in Stoddard, N.H.

Elias, Jr., only son of Elias, Sr., and Bethiah (Hayward) McIntire, was born on November 24, 1782. Being very young when his mother died, he was brought up in the family of an uncle, Nathaniel Tay. He was married April 5, 1806, to Elizabeth Buxton, daughter of Stephen, Jr., and Phebe (Stearns) Buxton, and grand-daughter of Stephen, Sr., and Mary (Damon) Buxton, all of North Reading.

Stephen Buxton served five days as a private in Captain John Bachellor's company, which marched from Reading at the time of the Lex-

ington alarm, and, enlisting directly after, April 24, 1775, in the same company, was in service as a Revolutionary soldier three months and fourteen days.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Elias McIntire, Jr., went to live in Fitchburg, Mass., whence they removed to Amherst, N.H.; and on January 1, 1820, they settled in Lyndeboro, where he bought the Kidder place, and for considerably more than half a century was actively engaged in farming. During the first year or two, until the stage route was changed, he also kept a tavern. After a season of retirement from daily toil and cares he departed this life August 3, 1879, aged ninety-six years. His wife, who was born June 8, 1786, died April 22, 1866. They were faithful members of the Congregational church. A man of strong religious convictions and of high moral principles, he was one of the earliest to join the temperance ranks and abstain from the use of spirituous liquor. Six children were reared by Elias and Elizabeth McIntire, Nathaniel T., the fifth-born, being the only survivor. His brothers and sisters, who all married and had children, were: E. Howard; Caroline, Mrs. Kittredge; Jane, Mrs. Wood; Rachel, Mrs. Todd; and Harvey Graves McIntire, M.D., late a practising physician in Concord, N.H.

Nathaniel T. McIntire, who is a farmer by occupation, has passed all his life at the old homestead, beautiful for situation, on the side of Lyndeboro Mountain, where he was born. He has a good farm of about two hundred acres, tillage, woodland, and pasture land, with a maple orchard and an apple orchard bearing abundant fruit in its season. One tree has become locally famous as yielding a curious duplex or double-flavored apple, one side sour and the other side sweet.

Mr. McIntire was married April 12, 1848, to Elizabeth Bruce, daughter of James Bruce, of Mont Vernon, N.H., and grand-daughter of the Rev. John Bruce, a native of Marlboro, Mass. (Dartmouth College, 1781), the first settled minister of Mont Vernon. Mr. and Mrs. McIntire have three children: Mary C., born February 28, 1851; Lois E., born October 11, 1854; and Herbert Bruce McIntire,

M.D., born July 3, 1857. Mary C. is the wife of Jay M. Gleason, of Mont Vernon, N.H., and the mother of two children: Ernest, now a Senior at Dartmouth College; and Marion E. Herbert B. McIntire was graduated at the medical department of the University of the City of New York in 1882, and is successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in Cambridge, Mass. He married Mary Ida Woodward, of Marlow, N.H. They have one child, Ruth.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel McIntire are members of the Congregational church, of which he has been a Deacon since 1860. Upright and honorable in his dealings, sagacious and prudent in counsel, he is a man of influence in town and church affairs. In politics he is a Republican, as his father was after the dissolution of the Whig party. For fifteen years Deacon McIntire held the office of Town Treasurer, and for several years he served as Selectman. He was a charter member of the grange.

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**F**RED A. WRIGHT, a prominent resident of Alstead Centre and a dealer in real estate, was born in Keene, February 14, 1857, son of George and Helen S. (Bundy) Wright. His grandfather, Caleb Wright, who was born in Walpole, N.H., moved to Keene early in life and died there. Caleb carried on a saw and grist mill, did much general farming, and traded quite extensively in Canadian horses, buying for the Boston markets. By his enterprise and general business capacity he acquired considerable property. He successively married Sarah Reed and Betsey Levourbeau. His first wife had fifteen children, of whom two daughters died young. The others were: Calvin, Eliza, Lorena, Caroline, Emmeline, Lucy, Mary Ann, Ellen, Martha, Charles, George, Daniel, and Fanny. Caroline and Emmeline were twins. Fanny married Willard Gay, of Swanzey; and Dr. George W. Gay, of Boston, is their son. The thirteen named are all living, the oldest being eighty years of age, and the youngest fifty. There has been no death in the family for a period of fifty-three years.

George Wright, born in Keene in 1828, who has been a farmer throughout his active period, now resides at Gilsum. He has been more or less closely connected with town affairs, and has been, and is still, a very progressive and enterprising man. Like his father, he has done some trading in good stock. He is a member and a regular attendant of the Congregational Church of Gilsum, and belongs to the local grange. His first marriage was made with Helen, a daughter of Allen Bundy, of Keene, and the second with Jane E., a daughter of William Smith, of Springfield, Vt. The first wife, who was born in 1837, and died in 1860, had two children — Fred A. and George E. The second wife has had two sons — James W. and John L. George E. Wright, born in September, 1859, lives in Alstead and works with his brother, Fred A. He is a machinist by trade, and was for some time employed at Lynn, Mass. His wife, in maidenhood Lenna Carer, has one daughter, Della M. James W. Wright, who is *chef* in a large hotel of Keene, married Minnie Damon, and has no children. John L., who lives in Chelsea, Mass., has been on the staff of the Boston *Globe* for many years, and is also the editor of the *Chelsea Gazette*.

Fred A. Wright was educated in the schools of Keene and Gilsum. After leaving school he learned the trade of machinist at Bellows Falls, where he stayed for six years. He then went to Peterboro and from there to Surry, this State, where he was on a farm, taking care of his wife's mother for a year. Seven years ago he came to Alstead, and has since been associated with real estate agents of Boston and New York in selling and renting summer residences. He is interested in the firm of P. F. Leland, of 113 Devonshire Street, Boston, and carries on a successful business, being known as a man who represents things exactly for what they are, and as handling the best real estate in this section. He married Hattie A. Streeter, who was born July 3, 1851, daughter of Willard and Mary (Carpenter) Streeter, of Surry. Mr. Streeter was born April 4, 1817, and died April 28, 1878. His wife, born January

24, 1812, died October 8, 1888. Their two children were: Hermon O. and Hattie A. Mr. and Mrs. Wright attend the Congregational church.

**J**AMES O. REED, Jr.,<sup>\*</sup> a highly esteemed citizen of Mason, N.H., was born in New Ipswich, March 11, 1858, and is the son of James O. and Caroline R. (Hildreth) Reed.

Mr. Reed's great-grandfather, Oliver Reed, was a farmer of Westford, Mass., and lived and died in that place. His children by his wife, Abigail, daughter of Samuel Reed, were four in number, the eldest and the only son was Oliver, Jr., grandfather of the subject of this sketch. Oliver Reed, Jr., was a tanner by occupation. He lived at Townsend Harbor and was a successful man in his day. He died when fifty-seven years old; and his wife, Letty Wilson, died at the age of seventy-six years. They had five children, three of whom, a son and two daughters, are now living.

The son, James O. Reed, Sr., was born at Townsend Harbor, Mass., October 16, 1819. In his early days he was a clerk in a country store, and after gaining some business experience in that way he went to Boston and worked in the flour and grain business for a year. He then removed to Stoddard, N.H., and went into trade, remaining there three or four years, going at the end of that time to New Ipswich, where he stayed until 1872. In that year he came to Mason, and in 1879 he purchased the estate upon which he now resides. Mr. Reed owns a farm of about a hundred acres and other land besides. While living in New Ipswich he was Collector of Taxes. He is a member of Bethel Lodge, F & A. M., of New Ipswich.

James O. Reed, Jr., was educated in the common schools at Mason and the academy at New Ipswich, and has supplemented his early training by reading and observation. He has always been interested in agriculture, and has taken part in the affairs of the town. In 1893-94 he served as Representative to the State legislature, and he has been Selectman since 1884 with the exception of two

years. He is at the present time chairman of that body, and has been for the last seven years. In 1881 Mr. Reed planted four acres with Concord grape-vines, and now raises grapes for marketing. He also carries on considerable lumbering business.

**C**LARK CAMPBELL,\* a prominent citizen of Mont Vernon and the present United States Marshal for New Hampshire, is a native of New Boston, Hillsboro County, N.H., where his birth occurred March 17, 1836. His parents were Daniel and Sabrina (Moor) Campbell.

The Campbell family are of Scotch-Irish descent. Robert Campbell, the great-grandfather of Clark, came from Townsend, Mass., to New Boston, where he was one of the early settlers. He served in the Revolutionary War, and, while near Ticonderoga, was taken and held prisoner for a time. Thomas, son of Robert, was born in New Boston, and spent his life there. He married Ann Clark. His son Daniel became one of the leading farmers of New Boston. He was a Democrat in political views. He held a larger part of the town offices, representing New Boston in the New Hampshire legislature a number of years, and serving as Selectman for quite a length of time, besides offices of minor importance. His first wife, Sabrina Moor Campbell, was, like himself, a native of New Boston.

In early boyhood Clark Campbell attended the common schools of New Boston; and the knowledge thus acquired was supplemented by a brief course at Appleton Academy, or McCollom Institute, as it is now known, in Mont Vernon. The first business in which he engaged was the manufacture of sash and blinds at Goffstown, and later on he conducted a grocery and meat business at Mont Vernon and Milford. Since 1870 he has resided in Mont Vernon altogether, successfully carrying on a variety of enterprises, keeping hotel, and doing lumbering and farming.

In his twenty-seventh year, on November 27, 1862, Mr. Campbell married Miss Ann A. Perkins, who was born in Mont Vernon, a daughter of Hiram and Sophia (Lamson) Per-

kins. Both her parents were natives of this town. Her great-great-grandfather, James Woodbury, is said to have been the first white settler in Mont Vernon. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have but one child living, namely—Alice P., a graduate of Wellesley College, now engaged as a teacher in the high school at Milford.

Mr. Campbell has served as Representative from Mont Vernon to the New Hampshire legislature. For twenty-two successive years he has been Treasurer of the town, and he has also served for several years as Town Clerk. In 1894 he was appointed United States Marshal, and is still serving in that capacity. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Milford. Before her marriage Mrs. Campbell was a school teacher, and taught eleven terms in succession here in Mont Vernon. She also taught in other places, including Goffstown, Bedford, and Wilton, N.H., and East Boston, Mass. Since her marriage she has continued her interest in educational matters, and is now serving her third term as a member of the School Board. She is a member of the Congregational church. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and daughter have a large circle of friends, and are prominent in social circles.

**J**AMES E. RUFFLE, a successful farmer of Nelson, Cheshire County, was born in Keene, N.H., November 16, 1849, son of William and Abigail (Tufts) Ruffle. The father, who was born in England in 1805, and was one of a large family of children, was a glass-maker by trade. Upon his arrival in America he settled in Keene, where he died in 1855. His wife, Abigail, daughter of Zachariah Tufts, of Keene, became the mother of thirteen children; namely, William, Isabelle, Charles, George, Sarah, Mary, Samuel, Benjamin, Isabelle (second), Henrietta, Josiah, Harriet, and James E.

James E. Ruffle was educated at Keene. After completing his studies, he worked for a time as a mechanic in Stoddard and Harrisville, N.H. He then purchased his present farm in Nelson, where he has since resided, industriously and successfully occupied in

farming. He is active in public affairs, has been Surveyor, Supervisor, a member of the Prudential Committee, and a Selectman for a number of years. He attends the Congregational church.

Mr. Ruffle married Electa M. Farwell, who was born May 16, 1852, daughter of Darius and Mary (Bryant) Farwell, of Harrisville. Mrs. Ruffle's parents, now eighty-eight and eighty-two years old respectively, celebrated in 1896 the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Ruffle have been the parents of four children, as follows: Idella G., born September 28, 1876, who died May 7, 1894; an infant son, born October 14, 1878, who died October 29, 1878; Ada B., born October 2, 1880, who resides at home; and Emo, born September 17, 1884.

James C., the subject of this sketch; and Cordelia M., who married George R. Carpenter.

James C. Farwell attended school in his native town. At the age of sixteen he became a clerk for R. B. Griswell, of Holyoke, Mass. A short time later he went to Ohio, where he engaged in the clothing business on his own account. When nineteen years old he was the proprietor of two stores located in adjoining towns. He sold out his entire business in 1853, after which he was engaged in the same way in Shakopee, Minn., for four years. In 1857 he moved to Henderson, Minn., where he conducted business until the breaking out of the Civil War. Mr. Farwell was one of the first to volunteer for the defence of the Union. He enlisted for three years as a private in the First Minnesota Regiment, which was mustered in April 29, 1861, and participated in the first battle of Bull Run. He has a record of having been present at one hundred different engagements, including some of the most decisive battles of the war. Although he served throughout the entire conflict, he escaped bodily injury, and his name was not once entered upon the sick list. His rise from the ranks to the command of his company was rapid, he receiving each successive promotion for gallant conduct upon the field; and he earned the reputation of being a discreet as well as a brave officer. During the action at Boydton Plank Road, Va., October 28, 1864, the battalion he was commanding was through some mistake left in a dangerous position unsupported; but through his usual presence of mind and bravery he not only extricated his command from its perilous position, but with it at the same time captured four hundred prisoners, a force greatly outnumbering his own. For this display of gallantry he was summoned to the tent of General Hancock, who complimented him highly; and as a result Captain Farwell received from the War Department the brevet of Major, signed by President Lincoln, with the advice and consent of the House and Senate, and dated October 28, 1864. At the expiration of his first term of service there were but one hundred and fifty of the original quota of the First Regiment left. Major Farwell re-enlisted with

**F**AJOR JAMES C. FARWELL, a prosperous general merchant of Chesterfield, a veteran of the Civil War, and a member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town November 17, 1832, son of Alfred and Cordelia (Scott) Farwell. He is a descendant of Oliver Farwell, who settled in Chesterfield between the years 1770 and 1776. Oliver's son, Benjamin Farwell, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, located here about the year 1780. Preston Farwell, Major Farwell's grandfather, followed the carpenter's trade in this town during his active years.

Alfred Farwell, born January 7, 1800, son of Preston, was a lifelong resident of Chesterfield. When a young man he learned the carpenter's trade. He was a very capable mechanic, and also possessed good business ability, which he applied to wool-carding and lumbering with profitable results. While following his trade, he assisted in erecting the Union church. He was one of the most prominent Universalists of this section. Being an excellent musician, he took an active part in the musical portion of the church services. His wife, Cordelia, whom he married October 1, 1828, was a daughter of Rodolphus Scott. She became the mother of three children, as follows: Alfred A., who died March 4, 1862;

the majority of the survivors; and, reporting for duty at Washington, he was commissioned Senior Captain and ordered to join the Army of the Potomac, with which he served until the close of the war. After his discharge he returned to Chesterfield, and opened a general merchandise store at Factory Village, which he has since prosperously conducted.

Mr. Farwell married Sarah Gay, a daughter of William Gay. They have had four children, namely: Addie M., born September 6, 1858, who is the wife of Frederick M. Hamilton; James F., born August 14, 1860, who died June 17, 1863; James Frederick, born December 14, 1865, who is now in business with his father; and William C., born October 22, 1868. Mr. Farwell is a Republican in politics, and was the Postmaster of the town for twenty consecutive years. Although averse to the proposal on account of his business, he was persuaded in 1896 to accept the nomination for Representative to the legislature. This was equivalent to an election. During the last session of that body his able committee work did much to promote educational interests. He joined the association that erected Village Hall in 1869, acted as its secretary and the janitor of the building for ten years, and was a leading spirit in dramatic entertainments given for the purpose of clearing the building from debt. When twenty-one years old he was made a Mason in Ohio, and he is now a life member of the Royal Arch Chapter in Keene.

**E**LISHA A. AND NATHAN MILLER WORDEN, constituting the firm of Worden Brothers, of Hinsdale, booksellers, stationers, newsdealers, and jewellers, were both born in this town, the former February 27, 1840, and the latter December 4, 1844. Sons of the late Kimball C. Worden, they are descended from Peter Worden, who came from Clayton, Lancashire, England, and was among the very earliest settlers in the section of Cape Cod lying directly north from the Island of Nantucket. John Worden, of the sixth generation from Peter in direct male line, lived in Hopkinton, Mass., in Exeter,

N.H., and in Richmond and Charlestown. He married Dorothy Satterly. Nathan, their son, born in 1749, in Rhode Island, married Amy Waters, and, after the death of her father, removed about 1778 to Westmoreland, N.H., where his grandmother, one of the earliest settlers of the town, owned a large tract of land. From 1778 to 1786 he farmed for her, and worked at the mason's trade. In 1786 he removed to Chesterfield, and began farming for himself. For fifteen years he was the Baptist minister in Chesterfield, extending his labors into Keene, N.H., and Dummerston, Vt. He was a noted man of prayer, of great personal worth, and much beloved. He died October 1, 1804, at the age of fifty-five. When told that his death was near, he called to his bedside members of his church and personal friends, sang with them familiar hymns, named a text, preached a sermon of exhortation, gave a parting clasp of the hand, and quietly passed away. His son Henry, born May 25, 1782, the fourth of ten children, married Polly Waldo, who was born August 17, 1786, and died November 18, 1829. Henry Worden died December 7, 1833. His twelve children were as follows: Kimball C., born January 15, 1807; Larkin, born December 1, 1808, who died May 9, 1837; Allen, born April 8, 1810; Mary M., born July 8, 1811; Elisha, born June 4, 1813; Amanda, born March 2, 1815; Diantha, born September 20, 1816; Charles, born June 1, 1818; Salmon, born January 18, 1820; Eliza, born October 3, 1821; Martha, born May 9, 1823; and Lucian, born September 5, 1826, who died in September, 1827.

Kimball C. Worden came to Hinsdale when a young man, and was engaged as an employee in a mill and as a river captain. His first wife was Belinda Thomas, who was born January 22, 1815, and died May 17, 1864; and his second wife was Mrs. Maria Blanchard. The children of Kimball C. Worden were: Lucian, born July 4, 1835; Elisha A., born February 27, 1840; Diantha B., born February 16, 1842; and Nathan M., born in December, 1844.

At the age of sixteen years Elisha A. Worden secured employment in Governor Haile's mill, where he worked for four years, receiving

very small wages. In 1861 he enlisted in a company of sharpshooters and went to the front; but, being taken seriously ill, he was obliged to return home, and suffered a long convalescence. The next year he went to work in the factory of Bishop & Boyden, and later went to Franklin, where for fifteen months he had charge of the finishing-room in the mills of Taylor Brothers. Becoming known as thoroughly competent and trustworthy, he was offered a lucrative position in Warsaw, Ill.; and, going to that place, he took charge of the finishing-room of a large mill, and remained for some years, receiving excellent wages. He felt himself, however, capable of doing even better. While in Franklin he had turned his attention to soap-making, and he became convinced that he could engage in the manufacture of that article with entire success. He suggested the plan to his brother, Nathan M., and invited him to join in partnership. The matter was carefully considered by both men, and they finally decided to make the experiment. They were obliged to give up the positions they were then holding and to start in an entirely new venture. There was risk, but both brothers were ambitious to make the business succeed. It was in 1870 that they started the manufacture, and for seventeen years Mr. Elisha Worden worked early and late to insure its success. He drove a team through the surrounding country and towns, collecting materials and selling soap, and making it his one idea to succeed. In 1871 the Messrs. Worden purchased the River Tavern property, and moved the plant to that place, where the industry has been continued to the present time.

Nathan Miller Worden in his boyhood attended the district school on Streeter Hill for a few terms, and partial terms in the village school-house, which stood on the site now occupied by Masonic Hall; and, although the educational methods and appliances of those days were not models, his mental faculties were trained, and he acquired sufficient knowledge to serve as an equipment for the beginning of his active career. He started in life as a farmer's boy, working for the late Edward S. Perham for very small wages. About the

time of the opening of the Civil War he found a place in the Haile factory, where he worked for two years at fifty cents a day, boarding himself, Elisha then being in the army. At the end of two years Nathan went into the mill of Boyden & Amidon, formerly Bishop & Boyden, now C. J. Amidon & Sons. Here he worked for eight years, spending the last five as overseer in the finishing-room. He then went into business with his father-in-law, the late N. E. Pratt, learning the painter's trade, at which he worked until 1870, when he went into the soap manufactory.

Worden Brothers have been engaged in many enterprises in this town, and have been uniformly successful in all their undertakings. They were the first to introduce the ice business in this town, building up a good trade, and then selling out at a good profit. They have bought and sold some real estate. Mr. Elisha A. Worden now owns six or more houses, which he rents. When some years ago the question of disposing of the old town hall was before the town, Worden Brothers bought the Oliver Adams place on Main Street, where the town hall now stands, moved the house to its present site, remodelled it, together with the livery stable, and made stores and shops. Here they resided for five years, moving thither from the old homestead farm on the river road, and for two years conducting a restaurant in the block, selling it later to M. V. Colton, and later disposing of the entire property. In 1881 they built two commodious houses on lower Main Street, and one of these has since been the home of Mr. N. M. Worden. In 1885 Worden Brothers bought the drug store founded in 1872 by Dr. L. A. Lamson. Mr. N. M. Worden represented the firm, and took into company F. H. Jones, now of Jones & O'Brien. This partnership existed for about four and one-half years, when Mr. Jones retired; and a little later the plant was sold to Taylor, Stebbins & Co. After the death of Mr. Taylor the Wordens bought back the property, and it continues to-day under their management. They had previously bought out the jewelry and news-room business conducted by Will Streeter, and had carried it on in the Town Hall Block. About four years ago Mr.

N. M. Worden purchased this of his brother; and the business, which has since been carried on by his son-in-law, Mr. C. J. Bronson, is now merged into the spacious store in Todd's Block. This establishment is, without doubt, the largest of its kind in South-western New Hampshire. It occupies the whole lower part of the recently enlarged Todd's Block, and embraces under one roof a well-appointed drug department, an extensive hardware store with spacious store-rooms, a section for books, periodicals, and newspapers, and a large line of jewelry and fancy goods. Each department is in charge of competent persons, there being employed on the floor at the present time six attendants, besides two heads of the firm. The store is heated by steam and lighted by gas manufactured on the premises.

The Messrs. Worden are members of many fraternal societies, being Masons, Knight Templars, Odd Fellows, and Red Men. Mr. N. M. Worden is also a Granger. He has occupied all the chairs in the Masonic body except the Master's chair, and was for a year Senior Deacon. He is a member of the Maine Life Insurance Company, of the New York Mutual Life Insurance Company, and of the New Hampshire Provident Mutual Relief Association, also of the Masonic Accident Association. Mr. N. M. Worden has served the town seven years as Selectman, and for six years was chairman of the Board. The first year of his holding this position he brought out a new system of keeping the reports, the old method seeming to him to be unsatisfactory and imperfect. The method that he has devised makes the work much more simple, and the accounts can be readily followed. His reports were universally conceded to be the best ever given out; and Mr. Worden keeps the accounts now for his own satisfaction, and is thoroughly informed on all questions pertaining to the finances of the town. He also served the town as a member of the Building Committee at the time of the erection of the town hall previous to 1880, as one of the directors of the Savings Bank, and as a promoter of the Hinsdale Bridge.

Mr. Nathan Miller Worden and Helen M., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norton E. Pratt,

were married on March 7, 1866. They have one child, a daughter, Jennie E., who married Clinton J. Bronson, formerly of Ashfield, Mass., and has two children—Carleton A. and Blanche U. Mr. Elisha Worden married Mary Stevenson; and after her death he married Nellie, daughter of Elisha Hunt, who was a public-spirited and leading citizen in this town and for a number of years Sheriff of the county.

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**V**ICTOR L. PARKER,\* foreman of the weaving department of the Columbia Manufacturing Company, of Greenville, N.H., was born in the old Bay State, in the city of Lawrence, September 21, 1855, the son of Samuel E. and Cordelia (Mullin) Parker. Mr. Parker comes of a family that helped to swell the numbers of the Union Army during the recent struggle between the North and South, four of his father's brothers having fought in the great conflict from the beginning until the close.

His father, Samuel E. Parker, is a well-known engineer, now living in Leominster, Mass. He was born in Chelmsford, that State, and began his business career as a contractor and builder, making his home in Southboro, Mass. Later he was foreman of the card room in the woollen factory at Cordaville, Mass., holding this position for many years. Mr. Samuel E. Parker has been twice married. His first wife, Cordelia Mullin, lived to be thirty-seven years old. She was the mother of five children, four of whom survive her. They are: Frederick K., who married Sybil Bennett, of Biddeford, Me., and is the father of George and Helen Parker; Victor L.; Clara N., wife of Roger Hunt, of Southboro, Mass.; and Mary, now Mrs. Del Robinson, of Westboro, Mass., who is the mother of two children — Austin E. and Hazel A. Mr. Parker's second wife, formerly Miss Margaret Boyle, is the mother of Walter Parker, who is married to Ethel Montgomery. Mr. Samuel E. Parker is a leading Republican in Leominster. He has been police officer for a number of years.

Victor L. Parker was educated in the Southboro schools, and then went to Worces-

ter, Mass., where he learned the machinist's trade. After leaving Worcester, he was employed for thirteen years in the weaving department of the cloth manufactory in Waltham, and in 1889 came to Greenville, N.H., having been engaged by the Columbia Manufacturing Company as foreman of their weaving department. Since his residence in this town Mr. Parker has gained universal esteem, and has secured a permanent footing in social and educational circles of the town. He is now a member of the School Board of Greenville, and has been Chief of the Fire Department for the last year.

On August 9, 1878, Mr. Parker was married to Miss Lois I. Cheney, daughter of Henry N. Cheney, of Holden, Mass. Three children have come to grace their home—Grosvenor H., Mary E. C., and Eva I. A. In politics Mr. Parker is a Republican. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and belongs to Souhegan Lodge of Greenville. Mr. Parker is a member of the Methodist church.

**C**HARLES FREEMAN HOLT,\* an enterprising lumber manufacturer of Antrim, Hillsboro County, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in this town, July 27, 1841, son of Harvey and Minda (Gregg) Holt. He now occupies the farm on which his father, who was a native of Wilton, settled in 1828. Harvey Holt erected a saw-mill on his land, which he carried on in connection with farming for the rest of his active years; and he lived to the age of seventy-seven. He was an industrious man and a citizen of much worth to the community. His wife, Minda Gregg, was a daughter of David Gregg, an early settler in Antrim. She became the mother of five children, three of whom are living, namely: Mary G.; Charles F., the subject of this sketch; and Margaret J., now the wife of Lorenzo Grace, of Lowell, Mass. Margaret J. has been twice married. Her first husband, Charles F. Storey, died in the army, leaving her with one son, Charles F. Mrs. Minda G. Holt died at the age of seventy-six years. She was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Charles Freeman Holt acquired his early education in the schools of Antrim, and was for a time thereafter employed in a wood-working shop. In 1860 he went to Boston, where he worked in a store, and while there attended an evening school. In 1861 he enlisted as a private in Company G, Second Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers. He participated in the first battle of Bull Run, was through the Peninsular Campaign under General McClellan, and in the second battle of Bull Run was seriously wounded, no less than five bullets having struck him. His face was badly lacerated, and he lost all of his front teeth. He was sent to the hospital in Washington, where he remained for six weeks, and was then discharged on account of physical disability, after having served a year and a half. Coming home and recovering his strength, he was for a time employed at Foster & Brook's cradle factory; and later, going to Boston, he worked in Faneuil Hall Market four years. He then settled permanently at the Antrim homestead, which he now owns. He carries on logging operations, manufactures lumber in his saw-mill, and cultivates a small farm. He owns besides that about four hundred acres, and is the proprietor of the Lake House, which entertains summer boarders during the season.

On November 26, 1863, Mr. Holt was joined in marriage with Emeline W. Smith, his first wife, who was a native of Antrim. She died October 5, 1882, leaving seven children: namely, Charles L., Nellie J., William A., Carrie M., Arthur L., Alfred G., and Emeline S. Charles L. married Laura Sawyer, of Antrim; Nellie J. is the wife of William French, of Milford, N.H.; and Carrie M. married Willard Merrill, of Lyndeboro, N.H., and has two children. On April 12, 1892, Mr. Holt married for his second wife Fanny A. Blunt, daughter of Alfred Blunt, of Boston.

Politically, Mr. Holt is a Republican. He served as a Constable for several years, and was Deputy Sheriff for some time. He is a comrade of Ephraim Weston Post, No. 87, G. A. R., of this town, and is a member of the Congregational church, in which he takes an active interest.

**M**ARTIN L. RICHARDSON, a leading farmer of Alstead and a native of this town, was born October 20, 1840, son of William and Ruth (Hemmenway) Richardson. William Richardson, Sr., born in Sutton, Mass., October 9, 1758, moved to Alstead in 1765, being the first of the family to settle here. He followed the occupation of farmer, was a soldier in the Revolution, and died here March 2, 1833, having lived for about three-quarters of a century. In 1784 he was married to Lavina Taft, who, born in 1763, died in 1841. Their children were: Calvin, born April 16, 1785, who died October 23, 1852; Betsey, born November 8, 1789, who died December 27, 1857; Luther, born January 28, 1792, who lived in Ohio, and died there a wealthy man; Anne, born March 9, 1794; William, born February 28, 1796, who died March 17, 1877; Sarah, born March 20, 1799, who died May 5, 1862; Philena, born May 9, 1801, who is living in Michigan; Lois, born April 7, 1803, who died in March, 1895; and Lemuel, born July 25, 1807, who died February 27, 1883. Luther was actively interested in politics, and has two sons who are in the national House of Representatives — one from Tennessee and the other from Michigan.

William Richardson, the father of Mr. Martin L. and the fifth child of his parents, was born and educated in the town of Alstead, and lived here as a farmer all his life. He was an upright and honored citizen and a devoted member of the Methodist church. His wife, Ruth, who was born April 5, 1801, daughter of Ebenezer Hemmenway, of Marlboro, N.H., died April 9, 1875. Their four children were: Mary M., Sarah E., Martha J., and Martin L. Mary M., born August 12, 1836, resides in Alstead. Sarah E., born June 7, 1838, married Willard Evans, a farmer, now of Westmoreland, and had a family of three children. Martha J., born May 20, 1843, is now Mrs. Erastus P. Kidder, of Alstead, and the mother of two children.

Martin L. Richardson was educated in the town schools. He began to work for wages as an employee of the Cheshire Railroad, where he remained for ten years, having the contract

for sawing wood before coal came to be exclusively used for fuel. He then went to farming in Alstead, and has been in that business ever since. He is active as a citizen, and has held nearly every position in the bestowal of the town. He has been Selectman since 1887. He has served in the State legislature, and was a member of the Committee on Roads, Bridges, and Canals. In politics he is a Democrat. While liberal in religion he aids in the support of the various churches. He belongs to the Masonic society. He married Bridget Conley, of Keene, N.H. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson have no children.

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**D**ANIEL J. BROWN,\* of the firm of Brown Brothers, engaged in business at Greenville, N.H., was born in this town, February 22, 1863. His parents, Robert and Hannah (Gainey) Brown, now living in Greenville, are both natives of Ireland; and his grandfather, Robert Brown, Sr., was a prosperous farmer and cattle dealer of that country. He died in Ireland at a good old age. He was twice married; and his only son, Robert, Daniel J. Brown's father, was the child of his second wife.

Robert Brown, the second of the name, immigrated to the United States when a young man, first settling in Haverhill, Mass., and later moving to Greenville. Some time after coming here he went to California, where he remained five years; and, returning then to this town, he has since been engaged here in tilling the soil. His wife, Hannah Gainey, is the mother of four children, namely: Robert, third; Nellie; Annie; and Daniel J., the subject of this sketch. Annie is the wife of Ralph H. Morrill, a nephew of Senator Morrill, of Vermont, and has three children — Charles H., Robert H., and Ulysses S. Robert Brown, second, is still active at the age of sixty years, and his wife is now sixty-five. Her mother, who lived to be over one hundred years old, reared a family of fourteen children, six of whom emigrated to this country. One resides in California, two are in Milford, N.H., and three are living in Greenville.

Daniel J. Brown finished his education at

Appleton Academy, New Ipswich. In April, 1879, he formed a partnership with his brother Robert, under the firm name of Brown Brothers, and has since been engaged in the retail provision business. They were for some time quite extensive dealers in cattle, but of late, have given their whole attention to the store, and are doing a large and profitable business. During the late Presidential campaign Mr. Daniel J. Brown supported the free coinage of silver. He is active in local political affairs, and was elected a member of the Board of Selectmen in 1896. He is a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters, being connected with the Court at Milford, N.H.

Messrs. Daniel J. and Robert Brown are active and progressive young men. By close attention to business, which they began upon a small scale, and by promptness and courtesy they have gained the esteem and confidence of their many patrons.

**A**LEXANDER CUTHBERT, of the Gilsum Woollen Manufacturing Company, is a native of Scotland. Born October 20, 1838, he is a son of Robert and Winifred (Creighton) Cuthbert. The father, who in early life was a woollen manufacturer of Scotland, emigrated to the United States. He was first employed as a wool sorter and carder at Sutton's Mills, North Andover, Mass., where he remained a number of years. Subsequently for some time he was engaged in the manufacture of woollens in Vermont. Finally he and his son, Alexander, purchased the property where the Gilsum Woollen Company is now located. After his son's withdrawal from the concern some time later he was associated with F. C. Minor and John Gould. In 1880 the Gilsum Woollen Manufacturing Company, comprising F. C. Minor, Herbert E. Adams, Robert Polzer, Augustus Polzer, and Alexander Cuthbert, was organized. Robert Cuthbert continued in active business until his death, which occurred in 1889. A skilful woollen manufacturer, he was familiar with the sorting and treatment of the raw material as well as the weaving and finishing of the various kinds of goods. He

was also an able business man. While taking a keen interest in political affairs, he never aspired to public office. In his religious belief he was a Congregationalist, and he was a member of the local society and a liberal contributor to its support. His first marriage was made with Winifred Creighton, who was born in Scotland. Her children by him were: Alexander, John, Ann, James, Robert, Margaret, and Betsey. John, who was a spinner by trade, served in the Civil War, and was killed at the battle of Gettysburg. Ann married Samuel W. Dart, of Gilsum, and has a family. James, who is married and has a family, is a machinist in the United States Navy Yard at Washington, D.C. Robert, Jr., who lives in Keene, N.H., also has a family. Margaret married Horace Coolidge, of Erving, Mass.; and Betsey died in infancy. The father married for his second wife Margaret Hunter, also a native of Scotland, who became the mother of two children. These were: George, who died at the age of nine years; and Christine, who married Dr. Johnson, of Erving, Mass., and has one child.

Alexander Cuthbert began his education in Scotland, and completed it in Lawrence, Mass. Afterward he served an apprenticeship under his father in the Sutton Mills, at Andover, and started in wool-carding for himself in Gaysville, Vt., and subsequently was in business in Keene, Marlboro, and Swansey. Then he joined with his father in Gilsum, and he is now a member of the Gilsum Woollen Manufacturing Company. He is connected with the United Order of the Golden Cross and the Masonic fraternity. A member of the Methodist Episcopal church, he is also a generous supporter of other religious societies.

Mr. Cuthbert married Alison Lang, who was born in Scotland, March 11, 1834. She has been the mother of eight children, as follows: Mary J., born in Woodstock, Vt., February 9, 1861, who died in 1865; Winford B., born in Woodstock, January 18, 1863; Robert W., born in Gaysville, Vt., January 26, 1865, who died in the same year; James W., born in Keene, N.H., June 25, 1866; George H., born in Gilsum, June 5, 1869; Annie L., born in Marlboro, March 31, 1872; Frank W., born

in Marlboro, March 12, 1874, who died March 9, 1895; and Charles H., born May 29, 1882. Winford B. married John E. Isham, and has two children — Hazel and Mildred. James W., who married Bertha Nichols, died in 1892, leaving two children — Dorothy and James. George H. married Blanche Gould, and is a merchant in Salisbury, Mass. Annie L. and Charles H. reside with their parents.

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**H**ENRY B. NEEDHAM,\* an enterprising basket manufacturer of Peterboro, N.H., and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Whiting, Vt., November 22, 1841, son of Daniel K. and Nancy (Pierce) Needham. His great-grandfather, Joseph Needham, who went from Brimfield, Mass., to Whiting, Vt., as a pioneer, cleared the farm which is now owned by his grandson, Daniel K. Needham. He erected the first house in that town, and it is still standing.

Benjamin Needham, grandfather of Henry B., was a prosperous farmer, and occupied the homestead in Whiting until his death, which occurred when he was sixty-nine years old. His wife lived to be about sixty-four. Both were members of the Baptist church. They were the parents of five children, of whom Daniel K. is the youngest; and he is the only one living.

Daniel K. Needham, Henry B. Needham's father, was born in April, 1813, at the home-stead in Whiting, Vt., which he now owns and occupies. He has always resided in Whiting, and has been one of the ablest farmers in that vicinity. He is now eighty-four years old. He is a Republican in politics, and is liberal in his religious views. For many years he was a Justice of the Peace. His wife, who was before marriage Nancy Pierce, died in November, 1896, aged eighty-one years. She was the mother of ten children, two of whom are living, namely: Henry B., the subject of this sketch; and Frank S.

Henry B. Needham in his boyhood attended the common schools of his native town. When a young man he worked in a woollen-mill in Warren, Mass., for six months, and was sub-

sequently employed the same length of time in Leominster, Mass. In 1861 he enlisted as a private in the First New Hampshire Cavalry, and served in the Civil War until honorably discharged on account of physical disability. For four years he worked on a milk car running from Greenville, N.H., to Boston. At length, coming to Peterboro somewhat more than twenty years ago, he here engaged in basket-making, working for other parties until 1891, at which time he began business on his own account. Starting upon a limited scale, with but one assistant, he gradually increased his facilities as trade advanced; and in 1893 he built his present factory, which is equipped with improved machinery and appliances. He now employs sixteen hands, and manufactures baskets of every description. In politics he is a Republican, and has been Chief of the Fire Department for the past four years.

Mr. Needham's first wife, Ann M. Johnson, whom he married in 1867, died at the age of forty-three years. His present wife was before marriage Sophia A. Taggart, of Peterboro. Mr. Needham is a member of Peterboro Lodge, F. & A. M., and a comrade of A. F. Stevens Post, G. A. R. Mrs. Needham is a member of the Congregational church.

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**R**ELSON WILLIAM RICE, the owner of a well-cultivated farm in Troy, was born in Winchendon, Mass., April 17, 1837, son of Luke and Chloe (Alger) Rice. The grandfather, Benjamin Rice, who was a native of Spencer, Mass., settled in Winchendon, where he cleared a farm, built a log house, and in after years erected a good frame dwelling. He was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary army, and participated in the battle of Bunker Hill. At his death he was ninety-six years old. By his wife, Ruth Budge Rice, there were five children. His son, Luke, who inherited the farm and lived there all his life, erected new buildings and otherwise improved the property. He married Chloe Alger, of a well-known Bridgewater family, and died at the age of eighty-six years. His children were: Eliza Jane, John, Mary, Lois, Otis G., Nelson W.,

and Edwin W., Eliza Jane, John, Lois, and Otis G. are now deceased. Mary, who resides in Gardner, Mass., is the wife of Horace Sibley and the mother of two children—Mary Jane and Joel H. Sibley. Edwin W., who married Sibyl Whitney, owns and conducts the homestead farm, which he has increased from its original size of eighty acres to one hundred and sixty acres.

Nelson W. Rice was educated at Winchendon. Afterward he worked in a mill there until the Civil War began. On September 16, 1861, he enlisted for three years in the Third Vermont Infantry, Company D, under Captain F. C. Harrington. For a time, while stationed with the company at the "Peninsula," he was very ill in the hospital there. After serving nine months, he was honorably discharged, June 4, 1862. Upon returning to civil life he worked in a wooden-mill at Royalston for a time, and spent a short period at Winchendon. In 1868 he took up his residence in Swanzey, N.H., where he was employed in the mills for twelve years. He was also engaged in the lumber business on his own account for two years. He came to Troy in 1884, bought a farm on West Hill, repaired the house, and has there lived for the past thirteen years.

Mr. Rice married Jennie N. Brooks, a daughter of Sewell and Eliza (Forristall) Brooks, of Fitzwilliam and Princeton. They have had two children, of whom Ella Jane died at the age of five years. Chloe E., the surviving child, married John F. Hale, and has five children—Elmer F., Jennie E., Melvin N., Retta May, and Edwin E. Mr. Rice has always been a Republican, and he cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860.

**A**LBERT F. NIMS, a well-to-do resident of Walpole, Cheshire County, was born in Sullivan, N.H., April 14, 1838, son of Frederick and Harriet (Wardwell) Nims. The early ancestors of the family were residents of Deerfield, Mass. David Nims, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, settled in Keene, N.H., in

1737; and when that town was incorporated he was chosen Scribe, or Town Clerk. He filled the offices of Clerk and Treasurer for upward of twenty years, acted as Moderator at town meetings, and was prominent among the early settlers. He received a grant of land, upon which he resided for the rest of his life; and he died July 31, 1803. He reared several children, and his son Asahel was killed in the battle of Bunker Hill.

Philander Nims, Albert F. Nims's grandfather, was a native of Sullivan, and resided there for many years, afterward removing to Roxbury, N.H., where he remained until his death. He was an industrious farmer. He married a Miss White, daughter of Colonel White, who commanded a regiment and served seven years in the war for independence. He and his wife reared a large family of children, all of whom were born in Sullivan. One of their sons, Ormond F. Nims, was the organizer and commander of Nims Battery, of Boston, which rendered efficient service in the war of the Rebellion.

Frederick Nims, father of Albert F., was reared to farm life. He was extensively engaged in agriculture and cattle dealing for many years, and was one of the leading citizens of Sullivan in his day. He served as a Selectman for a number of years, and for over six years was a Captain in the State militia. He died in 1871. His wife, Harriet Wardwell, was a daughter of Ezra Wardwell, of Nelson, N.H. She became the mother of four sons and four daughters, as follows: Juliette; Albert, the subject of this sketch; George; Marshall; Francis; Octavia; Abbie; and Althea. Juliette married Joseph Nims. George is a real estate dealer in Keene. Marshall is agent for the Swift Beef Company, and has charge of their business and property in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Francis is in the lumber business in Keene, and holds a Lieutenant Colonel's commission in the State militia. Octavia became the wife of Charles Brooks, but is no longer living. Abbie married Flavel Beal, and resides in Keene. Althea died at the age of fourteen years.

Albert F. Nims began his education in the

schools of Sullivan, and completed his studies at Phillips Andover Academy. For a time he gave his attention to teaching and farming, but was later engaged in lumbering and building. He bought wild land, from which he cut and hauled the timber, manufacturing it in his own mills, owning one for five years in Cavendish, Vt., and afterward a plant at Walpole, N.H. For about thirty years he has lived in Walpole, and he has erected upward of forty tenements. He owns four hundred and fifty acres of woodland in this town and six hundred acres in Cavendish. When he moved to Walpole, he purchased a part of the Chapin farm, one of the best pieces of agricultural property in this section; and this, together with the portion inherited by his wife, gives him a large estate for a homestead.

April 7, 1870, Mr. Nims was united in marriage with Cynthia M. Chapin, daughter of Levi Chapin, Jr., of Walpole. Her grandfather, Levi Chapin, first, who improved the Chapin farm, was engaged in the shipping of timber. He went to Virginia in the interest of an improved water-wheel, which was his own invention, and died there. He was the father of five sons and one daughter—Nathaniel, Levi, Jr., Herman, Jonathan, Philip, and Rhoda. Levi and Jonathan bought the home-stead, which they divided; and both became prosperous farmers and stock-raisers. They resided here all their lives. Levi Chapin (second) married Cynthia Smith, daughter of Ebenezer Smith, of Langdon, and had a family of three children, namely: Philip, who died February 22, 1841, at the age of twelve years; Thomas, who died in Florida, March 7, 1855, aged twenty-five; and Cynthia M., who is now Mrs. Nims. Mr. and Mrs. Nims have one daughter, Mary Chapin, born October 23, 1871. She married June 17, 1897, Almon I. Bolles, of Bellows Falls, Vt.

Politically, Mr. Nims is a Democrat. He has rendered able services to the town of Walpole as a Selectman and as a member of the School Board, and he was his party's candidate for the State Senate in 1897. As a business man he is enterprising, energetic, and progressive, and his ability is appreciated by his fellow-townsmen.

 CHARLES HENRY MERRILL, the superintendent of the Stoddard Lumber Company's plant and a member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in the town of Baltimore, Vt., October 24, 1861, son of Richard and Elizabeth (Hall) Merrill. His grandfather, Isaac Merrill, a native of Massachusetts, followed general farming in that State during his active period. Isaac reared four children—Richard, Samuel, Electa, and Elizabeth. Samuel was a prosperous farmer in Massachusetts; Electa married Thomas Eustis, of Nashua, N.H., and had a family of four children; and Elizabeth died young.

Richard Merrill, Charles H. Merrill's father, was born in Effingham, Mass., November 23, 1828. He was an engineer, and in early life settled in Windsor, Vt., where he died in 1877. His wife, Elizabeth, who was born in Massachusetts in May, 1829, daughter of Frederick Hall, died in 1876. She became the mother of four children—Samuel E., Charles H., Fanny A., and Bessie A. Samuel E. Merrill was formerly a station agent on the Fitchburg railroad and afterward assistant superintendent of the Eastern Division of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé railroad. Fanny A. married Alexander Dunn, a railroad man of Brattleboro, Vt., and has four children. Bessie A. married Frank Smith, of Charlestown, N.H., and has one child.

Charles Henry Merrill was educated in Windsor, Vt. For some time after completing his studies he drove a team in Springfield, Mass. He later studied mechanical engineering, was for two years employed upon the railway between Springfield and Hartford, and, after passing a successful examination in Chicago, received the certificate of a locomotive and marine engineer. In 1886 he entered the employ of the Stoddard Lumber Company, and was later advanced to the responsible position of superintendent of the plant. This firm ships lumber in large quantities. Mr. Merrill has served as Road Agent. In the last session of the legislature, of which he was a member, he was assigned to the Committee on Roads. He has held important chairs in the local grange, Patrons of Hus-

bandry, and is a liberal contributor to the Congregational church.

Mr. Merrill married for his first wife Myrtie B. Green, of Windsor, Vt. His present wife, whose maiden name was Myra L. Robb, is a native of Richmond, N.H. She was born January 16, 1859, daughter of Christopher Robb, a successful business man and a prominent resident of Stoddard. Mr. Merrill has one daughter by his first union — Lillian E. Merrill, born in April, 1884, who is now attending St. Mary's Academy, Manchester.

**M**ARSHALL H. NUTTING,\* son of Luther and Ruth (Adams) Nutting, and a prominent farmer of the town of Mason, Hillsboro County, N.H., is the third of his line to live in Mason. He was born April 21, 1832. His grandfather, Oliver Nutting, was one of the sturdy, hard-working, and progressive pioneers, and was very successful for his times. He cleared a large tract of land, established a home, and made an honorable name for himself and his descendants. He died in 1844 at the age of seventy-five years. His wife, Naomi Blood, died at the advanced age of ninety-eight years. She was a well-known member of the Baptist church. They reared eight children.

Luther Nutting, the eldest of the family, was born in Mason. He was a stone cutter by trade, and also owned a farm of many acres, and was very industrious throughout his life. He made good profits in his business, and was a very prominent citizen of the town. He lived to be seventy-nine years old, and his wife lived to an advanced age. They had ten children, five of whom are still living, and are as follows: Edwin L.; May E., now Mrs. Elbridge Stanley, of Fitchburg, Mass.; Marshall H.; Leander; and Romanzo L., who married Mattie Welch, of Clinton, Mass.

After leaving school, Marshall Nutting began to work in the cotton-mill at Mason Village, now Greenville, and remained there a number of years. Later he bought the farm where he now resides, and since that time he has engaged exclusively in agricultural pur-

suits. On November 30, 1854, he married Theresa Merrill, daughter of Calvin Merrill, of Turner, Me. Four children were born to them. One has died, the surviving are as follows: Ida, wife of Edward Gray, of Lowell, Mass., and mother of one daughter, Belle; Howard J., of Greenville, N.H., who married Abbie Bennett, and has three children — Evelyn M., Harold, and Edna; and Herman S., of Melrose, Mass., who married Ada Harrison, and has one daughter, Ella. Mr. Marshall H. Nutting and his wife are both members of the Baptist church, and Mr. Nutting is a Republican in politics. A man of integrity, diligent in business, he is well known and highly respected.

**C**HARLES WHITMAN WHITNEY, the proprietor of the largest wholesale dry-goods establishment in Troy, was born here, November 26, 1827, son of Dr. Charles W. and Mary (Griffin) Whitney. The grandfather, Dr. Isaiah Whitney, was an early settler of Rindge, N.H., and practised medicine there all his life, living to a great age. His wife's maiden name was Whitman. His son, Charles W. Whitney, also followed the medical profession, visiting his patients sometimes on snow-shoes and sometimes on horseback. Dr. Charles was a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society. His wife, Mary, was a daughter of Deacon Griffin, of Fitzwilliam. They had three children — Samuel G., Charles Whitney, and Mary J. Samuel is a farmer of Sylvania, Ohio. Mary, the only daughter, married Dr. Richardson, of Marlboro, who is now deceased. She resides in Troy.

Charles Whitman Whitney was sent to Francestown, N.H., to complete his education. He began business in the store of his brother Samuel in Troy. Subsequently he was with John Whittemore at Fitzwilliam for three years, and during half that time was a partner in the concern. He then went to Boston as clerk in the wholesale dry-goods store of McGilvary, Wyman & Co. Three years later, returning to Troy, he clerked for D. W. Farrar, and during war times he was

commissary clerk on the James River. After the war he bought out Mr. Farrar, and has since resided here, carrying on the largest retail business in the vicinity. He was Postmaster of Troy for nearly twenty-five years.

Mr. Whitney married Sarah Frances Taylor, and has three children—Ella F., Cora M., and Charles W. Whitney, Jr. Cora M. married Dr. Stone, of this town, and has one daughter, Mildred. Charles, who is an electrician in Arlington, married Lizzie Hayward, and has a daughter, Doris. Ella F. married George Fred Kimball, of Troy, who is now deceased. Mr. Whitney, Sr., is a Republican, has been Moderator of the town, and served in the legislature for two terms. He was Master of Monadnock Lodge, F. & A. M., for five years; a member of the Cheshire Royal Arch Chapter and a Knight Templar; and the district Deputy Grand Lecturer of the Order of the Golden Cross.

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**E**LOISE M. PIERCE, who has been for many years a devoted worker in the educational field, and who is now a member of the School Board of Jaffrey, was born here, February 2, 1839, daughter of Reuben and Cordelia (Jewell) Pierce. Her grandfather, Zebadiah Pierce, who, born in 1785, died March 12, 1828, lived at Jaffrey for the greater part of his life, occupied in farming. Zebadiah married Phoebe Tyler, who was born in 1786 and died in 1869. They had three children—Reuben, Rebecca, and Almira.

Reuben Pierce was born at Leominster, Mass., on December 9, 1808, and died on May 2, 1888. He came from Leominster to Jaffrey when a child, and was educated in the town schools here. After having engaged in farming for a few years, he took up the butcher's trade, and followed that during the remainder of his life. In politics he was a Republican, and he took an active part in local affairs. A member of the Congregational church and a quiet, unassuming man, he was widely respected for his sincerity of character. His wife, Cordelia, who was born on August 20, 1808, daughter of Jacob Jewell, of Jaffrey,

died on July 20, 1890. Their children are—Eloise M. and Delia Jewell Pierce. Delia, born on February 20, 1850, who was educated in the town schools, and resided with her parents until they died, lives with her sister.

After receiving her education at Jaffrey and Rindge, Eloise M. Pierce engaged in school-teaching at Rindge. Afterward she taught for five terms at Jaffrey, which she then left for Pepperell, Mass. Upon her return to Jaffrey she took charge of a select school, and conducted it for some time. She subsequently taught at Rindge, Jaffrey, Townsend, Winchendon, Mass., and in the grammar school at West Boylston, Mass. From West Boylston she returned to Winchendon, Mass., and taught in the grammar schools of that place for sixty-two terms, an unusually long period of service in one school. Upon the death of her parents she returned to Jaffrey, in order to be with her sister. Here she has taught the grammar school for sixteen terms, has been for six years on the School Board, and has served as its chairman. Always mindful of the larger motives of education, she has sought to develop the individuality of her pupils and to train each one for what he seemed best fitted. Her long experience in the school-room has qualified her to give practical and wise advice as a member of the administrative board, as well as counsel and sympathetic support to the teachers, whose difficulties and trials she fully understands.

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**J**AMES DAVIS, the well-known manager of the mica mines in Alstead, was born in Springfield, Vt., on February 28, 1850, son of Franklin and Caroline (Coburn) Davis. His paternal grandfather, who was a resident of West Townsend, Mass., and a cooper by trade, was twice married, and had a large family of children. Franklin Davis was born in West Townsend in 1815, and died in 1883. He was educated in Townsend, and after leaving school began his working life as a teamster, being employed on the route from Townsend to Boston. After he became of age, he also kept a livery stable, and owned a stage route. He subsequently

removed to Springfield, Vt., and followed his vocation between that place and Boston before the railroad was built. He also did a large amount of teaming and contract work for the Cheshire Railroad Company during the construction of the road. He was interested in politics and active in local affairs. For many years he was captain of a fire company. He was a very generous man, and was noted for his liberal charities; and he attended and supported the Universalist church. His wife, Caroline, was born in West Townsend, in 1813, and died in 1878. Their seven children were: Caroline, Frank B., Anna M., Nellie C., Gertrude, James, and Luty. Caroline, who lives in Brookline, Mass., married Alvin C. Mason, who has been in the foundry business at Chicago for the past twenty-five years. They have two children. Frank B. lives in Chicago, where he is interested in the foundry business. He has been twice married, and has four children by his present wife, whose maiden name was Georgiana Taunt. Anna M. married D. A. Brown, of Brookline, Mass., manager of the Eastern Branch of H. W. John's Asbestos Company, of New York, and also manager of Bell's Asbestos Mining Company, of Canada. They have three children. Nellie C. has been twice married, her present husband being Judge Frank Ives, of Crookston, Minn. She has no children. Gertrude became the wife of Leander M. Haskins, of Rockport, Mass., who is engaged in the wholesale fish business. Luty died at the age of eleven years.

James Davis was educated in the common schools of Springfield, Vt., and in the high school of Roxbury, Mass. He learned the trade of machinist at Springfield, Vt., serving an apprenticeship of two years and a half, and then went to Chicago, Ill., where he was foreman and superintendent in his brother-in-law's machine shop and foundry. He remained in this position about thirteen years, and was then engaged for some two years in the livery business in South Boston. In 1884 he came to Alstead, and bought a farm for the purpose of prospecting for mica. He was successful in his search, and now has a large and productive mine, and excellent business pros-

pects ahead. Mr. Davis has been active in town affairs since coming here. He was Selectman in 1880, Census Enumerator in 1880, and Representative to General Court in 1892-93, being on the Committee on Division of Towns. He is a Republican, politically. He is much interested in the grange, and was Master of the Gilsum Grange. Mr. Davis married Rosalie P. Guillow, who was born December 9, 1850, daughter of John Guillow, of Gilsum, N.H. He has two children: John F., who was born at Chicago, Ill., in 1873, and is interested with his father in the mine; and Gertrude F., who was born in South Boston in 1876 and resides with her parents.

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**H**IRAM P. CLARK, of Francestown, N.H., a cooper by trade, was born in this town, March 11, 1818, and is now in his eightieth year. His father, Daniel Clark, was also born in Francestown, and was educated in the public schools. He carried on general farming, also working at the soapstone quarry for some time. He was highly respected by all who knew him. In politics he was a Democrat, and he was a Captain in the old State militia. He married Irene Fisher, of Francestown, N.H. They had six children, five of whom are now living, as follows: Aaron F.; Hiram P., the subject of this sketch; Irene; Pacific L.; and Orrisa. Captain Daniel Clark died at the age of sixty-two years.

Hiram P. Clark, after receiving his education in the schools of his native town, went to work in a saw-mill. He also learned the cooper's trade, and was engaged in making small kits, pails, and similar ware for many years; and besides this he worked on soapstone for some time. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been Selectman for about ten years. He has also been prominent in military affairs, having been Captain of the Francestown Light Infantry and later Colonel of the Twenty-sixth New Hampshire Regiment for many years. He was a charter member of the Francestown Grange, in which he has held high office.

Mr. Clark has been married three times.

By his first wife, Susan Jane McIlraine, he had one child, Charles H., who married Fanny Woods, of New Boston, N.H., they having one child, Della. By his second wife, Orrisa A. Manning, of Francestown, Mr. Clark had one child, Annie S. By his third wife, formerly Laura J. Dean, he has no children. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are both members of the Congregational church. Mr. Clark has been successful in his business, and is a much respected citizen of the town.

**T**HOMAS ANNETT, an enterprising business man of East Jaffrey and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Fredericton, N.B., December 1, 1831. His parents were John and Eleanor (Spencer) Annett, natives of New Brunswick, the former of whom was born in 1795 and died in 1843, and the latter was born in 1805 and died in 1848. John Annett was the father of seven children, Thomas, the subject of this sketch, being the eldest. He was in his twelfth year when his father died, and from that time he earned his own living. In 1849 he went to Massachusetts, where he found employment by means of which he earned enough to pay his expenses at Westminster Academy for a time. Subsequently he found employment in a woodenware factory at Rindge, N.H. In 1858 he established himself in business at East Jaffrey, where he is still conducting a flourishing enterprise, and his sons are associated with him. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1879, was re-elected in 1881; and, aside from carefully guarding the interests of this section, he rendered efficient services as a member of the Committees on National Affairs, Finance, Manufactures, and the State Library. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and he attends the Congregational church.

Mr. Annett married for his first wife Sarah M. Raymond, who was born in Rindge, N.H., in March, 1834, daughter of Joel Raymond. She died in 1867; and he married for his second wife Mary Helen Bancroft, daughter of James Bancroft, of Rindge. By his first union he had five children, namely: Maria, born Jan-

uary 6, 1860, who is now the wife of Edwin C. Fletcher, of Jaffrey, and has three children; Albert, born August 3, 1861, now associated with his father in business; Anna S., born in 1862, who married William H. Pratt, foreman in Hayward's chair factory, Gardner, Mass.; Asahel S., born November 27, 1864, now associated with his father in business; and Arthur, born March 10, 1867, who is also in partnership with his father. Mr. Annett's children by his second union are: Sarah E., born July 20, 1870, now residing in Portsmouth, Ohio; Elsie C., born August 3, 1873; Marietta, born July 10, 1875; Markwell, born in 1877, who died in infancy; and Cecil, born August 6, 1879. Albert Annett is a trustee of the Conant High School, and was Representative to the legislature in 1891. He is a prominent Mason, being a Past Master of the Blue Lodge and a member of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

**H**ENRY ABBOTT, a well-known citizen of Cheshire County, residing in Winchester, was born in Keene, this State, on October 5, 1832, son of Daniel and Polly (Brown) Abbott. His descent from George Abbot, who was one of the first settlers of Andover, Mass., in 1643, is thus given in the genealogical register of his descendants: George<sup>1</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>6</sup>, Henry Abbott<sup>7</sup>. Some branches of the family spell the name with one and some with two t's. Besides George, of Andover, there were other early emigrants named Abbot.

Mr. Henry Abbott's grandfather, Daniel Abbott, of the fifth generation in this line, was a tailor by trade and lived at Surry, having removed thither from Concord. His wife, Lucy Harvey, daughter of Captain Thomas Harvey, bore him four children—Betsey, Lucy, Daniel, and Lyna. The family were Methodists. Lyna Abbott married Joseph Allen, and was the mother of the late Judge Allen, of Claremont, N.H. Daniel Abbott, father of the subject of this sketch, was one of the leading citizens of Surry. He was Selectman for many years, and represented the town

twice in the legislature. He was also Justice of the Peace, and acted as guardian and administrator in the settlement of many estates. In politics he was a Whig and later a Republican. He died in 1870. His children were as follows: John, who died when sixteen years old; Mary, who died at the age of six; Charles, who resides in Keene; George, who is a prominent citizen of Joliet, Ill.; Thomas H., who died in his fifty-eighth year; Henry, now of Winchester; Joseph B., who died in 1891; Milton, who lived only two years; and Mary Ann, who resides in Keene. Joseph B. Abbott was a very prominent man in public life. He was largely engaged in legal work, principally in the settlement of estates. During the Civil War he was Special Relief Agent of the United States Sanitary Commission, stationed at Washington, D.C. His wife is deceased, but two children survive him, namely: Leon M. Abbott, a well-known lawyer of Boston; and a daughter, who is the wife of Dr. Edwin E. Davis, of Quincy, Mass.

Henry Abbott was educated in the district schools of his native town and in the academies at Marlow, Westminster, and Saxton's River. At eighteen years of age he was for a short time engaged in travelling in Virginia for a publishing house. He then taught school for a time at Warsaw, Pa., and subsequently became clerk for a lumber company at Ridgway, Pa. After being there for two years, he returned to Keene, and became clerk in the store of Charles Bridgeman, later becoming a member of the firm of Nims, Gates & Abbott, dealers in general merchandise. At the end of a year Mr. Abbott sold his interest in the firm, and, going to Washington, D.C., entered the service of the Sanitary Commission, remaining there during the winter. In the spring he joined the Ninth Army Corps, under General Grant, in the "Burnside troops," and was placed in charge of the Sanitary Corps as distribution war agent of the United States Sanitary Commission. At the end of nine months, being in poor health, he returned home, expecting to go back as soon as he should be able to assume his duties again; but during his convalescence he accepted the position of cashier in the Winchester National

Bank, which he has ever since retained. He is now trustee and cashier, and is looked upon as a financier whose judgment is to be respected. His services to the bank have won for him warm encomiums for ability, and the confidence of the public in his entire trustworthiness is evidenced by the many responsible positions he is called upon to fill.

Ever since he first came to Winchester, Mr. Abbott has taken as keen an interest in the welfare of the town as if he had been born and reared here. He has served as Town Treasurer for over thirty years and as Moderator for eleven years, successively, a longer period of service in that position than can be shown by any other citizen of the town. A zealous Republican, he has served as chairman of the Executive Committee, and was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1890. He has attended other conventions, both county and State, without number. In these his influence is always powerful. Mr. Abbott was chairman of the High School Board for the first three years after its organization. He has been Notary Public for over thirty years. In 1869 and in 1870 he represented Winchester in the legislature. During his first term he was chairman of a special committee to examine State prison, and was a prominent member of the Committee on Railroads. During the second year he was chairman of the Insurance Committee, this being the first insurance committee formed in the House. In 1873 and in 1874 Mr. Abbott was in the State Senate, and while a member of that body he served on the Committees on Banking and Finance and on the Judiciary. He was an indefatigable worker, and by his able efforts helped to secure the passage of several important bills. Among these were, while he was a member of the House, a bill to tax foreign insurance companies and a bill to secure the appointment of one insurance commissioner; and while he was in the Senate, a bill to compel all banks to lay aside five per cent. of their deposits. Mr. Abbott is representative of a number of well-known insurance companies, and has an office at the bank for the transaction of insurance business.

In extemporaneous speech-making he is

original and ready, and as a stump speaker has taken part in every Presidential campaign from Lincoln's first to McKinley's. He has also delivered a number of memorial addresses, some of which have been printed. Among them may be named a very able address delivered at the dedication of a monument in the Surry burying-ground to Captain Thomas Harvey, a Revolutionary patriot and an ancestor of Mr. Abbott, and the one made upon the occasion of the presentation of a library to the town of Uxbridge, Mass., erected in memory of the father and mother of President Thayer. When memorial services were held in Winchester in honor of Lincoln, and also when the Grant memorial services were held, Mr. Abbott presided.

Mr. Abbott married Harriet M. Crane, who died in August, 1888. His two children are: a daughter married to A. J. Barber, a lawyer of Oshkosh, Wis.; and Kate, the wife of Ned C. Wardwell, of Hartford, Conn.

Mr. Abbott was one of the organizers of the New Hampshire Business Men's Club, which meets in Boston, and which was founded for the purpose of bringing about a closer acquaintance among the business men of the State. He was for a time the only member from Cheshire County. The town library, built at a cost of fifteen thousand dollars, was erected largely through the efforts of Mr. Abbott and a few other interested persons. Mr. Conant in his will left a bequest of fifty thousand dollars to maintain the same. Its erection was at first opposed by some of the townspeople; but, as the work progressed, and especially since the structure is completed, these objections have been overcome, and the original promoters have reason to be gratified that they worked so earnestly, even in the face of opposition. Mr. Abbott is an active Mason. He is a member of Philesian Lodge, and was its Master many years; also a member of the chapter and commandery at Keene.

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**E**LI S. CLEVELAND,\* one of the representative men of Brookline, Hillsboro County, N.H., was born in this town, December 22, 1827. His parents were

John and Susannah (Torrance) Cleveland, well-known residents of Brookline in their day; and his father was a native of Franklin, Mass.

John Cleveland settled upon a farm in this town when a young man, and engaged in cultivating the soil and in other rural occupations, managing his property with such energy and good judgment as to realize excellent financial results. He and his wife reared a family of five children, the only one of whom now living is Eli S., the subject of this sketch. John Cleveland died at the age of seventy-two; and his wife, surviving him, lived to be eighty-two years old. They were members of the Baptist church, and were much respected in the community where they dwelt.

Their son, Eli S., in his boyhood years attended the common school, and at an early age began to assist in carrying on the farm. He inherited the homestead, and tilled the soil as a general farmer until 1890, when he sold his farm and retired from active labor. He is now residing in the village and enjoying a well-earned rest.

On July 3, 1875, Mr. Cleveland was joined in marriage with Mrs. Ada Elkins, born Kline, who was a native of Jay, N.Y. Cora F. Elkins, a daughter by her first husband, was Mrs. Cleveland's only child.

Mr. Cleveland is well preserved and has the activity of a much younger man. Although he takes no part in public affairs, he is deeply interested in the welfare of the town, and fully merits the esteem in which he is held by his fellow-townsman.

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**J**OSEPH H. TARBELL,\* a prominent farmer of Mont Vernon, Hillsboro County, N.H., was born in Exeter, Rockingham County, August 25, 1822, and is now in his seventy-sixth year. His parents were William and Lydia (Spaulding) Tarbell.

When but four years old Joseph H. Tarbell was bereft of his father. He was then taken into the family of Colonel Benjamin Hutchinson, of Milford, with whom he remained until his eighteenth year. He received a good dis-

trict-school education, but was unable to pursue his studies further. Natural business tact, observation, and experience have, however, largely compensated for his want of book knowledge; and his career has been a successful one. He remained in Milford until about twenty-five years old, then came to Mont Vernon, where he has since made his home. He had previously worked three seasons in Milford as a farm hand at fifteen dollars per month and board. His farm in Mont Vernon contains about two hundred acres, and he here carries on general farming with profit.

Mr. Tarbell was married August 23, 1844, to Miss Harriet N. Hopkins. She was born in Mont Vernon, and is a daughter of James Hopkins. Mr. and Mrs. Tarbell have two children, a son and a daughter, namely: George F., who lives in Mont Vernon; and Emma J., wife of Charles L. Perham, of Lyndeboro, N.H. In politics Mr. Tarbell is a Republican. He has served one term as Selectman of Mont Vernon.

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**H**ENRY W. WELLINGTON, a successful lumberman and manufacturer of Rindge, was born in this town, November 6, 1850, son of Gilman P. and Mary A. (Jones) Wellington. Gilman P. Wellington was a son of Captain Leonard Wellington by his third wife, whose maiden name was Lucinda Page. For an account of the early ancestry of the family, the reader is referred to a sketch of Joel Wellington, which appears elsewhere in the REVIEW.

Gilman P. Wellington, father of Henry W., was a lifelong resident of Rindge, and followed brick-making in connection with farming. He married Mary A. Jones, daughter of Asa and Rachel (Saunders) Jones. Her grandfather, Asa Jones, first, who was a native of Concord, Mass., participated in the battle of Bunker Hill. He served three years in a Massachusetts regiment during the Revolutionary War, and dying at an advanced age, August 17, 1846, was buried with military honors. Gilman P. Wellington and his wife became the parents of three children, namely: Henry W., the subject of this sketch; Frank

E.; and Addie E. Frank E. Wellington, who resides in Leominster, Mass., married Nellie Weston, and has one child - Curtis F. Wellington. Addie E. resides in Rindge.

Henry W. Wellington was educated in the common schools and at Appleton Academy. He was for a time employed in farming, but later worked at the carpenter's trade, and finally engaged in lumbering and manufacturing. He cuts a considerable amount of spruce and pine lumber annually, and operates a steam mill. His business enterprise is of much benefit to the town, as he furnishes employment to a large number of men; and he takes a lively interest in the general welfare of the community. He cast his first Presidential vote for Horace Greeley in 1872, is a Democrat with independent proclivities, and at the last election he supported the Prohibition candidate. He has been a Selectman, and in that capacity rendered excellent service to the town.

Mr. Wellington married Augusta L. Lovejoy, daughter of James Lovejoy, of Rose, N.Y., and has two children — Meda A. and Clifton G. Mr. and Mrs. Wellington are members of the Congregational church.

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**P**ATRICK F. LANGDELL, an esteemed general farmer of New Boston, was born in this town, November 22, 1822, son of Livermore and Fanny (Fisher) Langdell. Something of the early history of the Langdell family, which is one of the oldest in New Boston, appears on another page of this work in the sketch of George Langdell. Livermore Langdell was born and grew to manhood in New Boston, which was also the scene of his active business career. In 1833 he bought the farm now occupied by his son, and resided there throughout the remainder of his life. A member of the Baptist church society, he served in the capacity of Deacon. In politics he was a Democrat. He died at the advanced age of eighty-six years and six months. His wife, Fanny, who was born in Francestown, lived to be sixty-seven years old. They had seven children, of whom Amos A. and Niles have

passed away. The others are: Nathan F., Horace, Fannie, Jane, and Henry F.

Nathan F. Langdell, the eldest of his parents' children now living, has resided fifty-five years in New Boston, twenty years of his life having been spent in Lyndeboro and Franchestown. He was educated in the district schools. Since then he has devoted his life to general farming on the old home farm. The estate, containing about eighty acres, has a good residence and out-buildings. He was a Lieutenant in the old State militia, of which organization he is one of the few officers now living. Mr. Langdell has twice married, first on December 14, 1854, to Annie F. Smith, a native of New Boston, who died August 15, 1856. He was again married May 14, 1857, to Hannah A. Loveren, who was born in Deer-  
ing, N.H., May 5, 1831, daughter of Hilliard and Hannah (Goodale) Loveren. Born of this marriage are a son and two daughters. The son, Hilliard L., died at the age of twenty-one years. Ann F. and Julia L., the daughters, are both unmarried. Mr. and Mrs. Langdell are liberal in their religious views, while in politics he is a Democrat.

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JOHN W. PRENTISS, one of the successful farmers of Walpole, N.H., was born here, November 20, 1857, son of John Williard Prentiss. His grandfather, Samuel Prentiss, who came from New Boston, N.H., to Walpole about the year 1819, took up a good farm, afterward called the Prentiss place, and died there at the age of eighty-four. Samuel was a Democrat and a church member. He married Lydia Clark, by whom he became the father of four sons and two daughters. These were: Polly, who married Gardner Watkins, of Walpole; Nancy, the youngest, who married Mark Chase, of Boston, a policeman there; John Williard, who married Emeline Slade, daughter of Allen Slade, of Alstead, N.H.; Ephraim, who married Olive Hixon; Theron, who married Maria Seavy, and settled in Biddeford, Me.; Samuel, who married Cornelia Ruggles, removed to Reading, Mass., and served in the army during the late war, with his son Harley, who enlisted

at the age of sixteen. John Williard Prentiss was born in Alstead, October 20, 1810. As soon as he had attained his majority, he went to Boston, and there learned to stain wall-paper and the trade of paper-hanging, following his trade for fifteen years. After this he returned to Walpole, where he married, and in 1866 again went to Boston for five years. In 1871 he settled upon the farm that he afterward cultivated until his death, which occurred in October, 1887. Of his six children Nancy died at the age of twelve years, Ella and Emma died in infancy, Walter died young, Fred is a blacksmith in Walpole, and John W. is the subject of this sketch.

John W. Prentiss, Jr., received his early education in the public schools of Boston, Mass. Later on he attended the Walpole Academy, and at the same time assisted his father on the farm. At the age of twenty years he began to teach school at Alstead, continuing for about seven years in the towns of Alstead and Walpole. Afterward he bought a farm of one hundred and thirty acres in the valley, called the Walpole town farm, later adding thereto three hundred and twenty acres. On this property he has since carried on the dairy business, also dealing extensively in live stock, and spending a large part of the year in lumbering. In his lumber business he buys for the local and outside markets, employing at times a force of thirty men. In 1894 his establishment was burned; but his house and other buildings were soon rebuilt, and he is again prosperous. Popular with both political parties, he has been frequently elected to office without a contest. He has been Selectman for ten years, and the chairman of the Board for nine years. He was for three years Tax Collector. He was elected Road Agent in 1896; and in that capacity, as in the others, he gave entire satisfaction. Road-scrapers were introduced during his term in office, and several bridges of iron and stone were erected. He has recently been elected to the legislature for two years, and now fills the office of County Auditor. It is worthy of notice that, while Mr. Prentiss has never canvassed for votes or in any way solicited office, he has never been defeated in an election.

Mr. Prentiss married Miss Katie Fisher, whose great-grandfather, Moses Fisher, was an early settler of Walpole. The estate of Moses was left to his son, Isaac, who left it to his son, Andrew, the father of Mrs. Prentiss. Andrew Fisher married Clarissa Mellish, and had seven children—Willie, Ada, Irvin, Edward, Katie, Carrie, and Albert L. Of these Ada, Albert L., and Mrs. Prentiss are the only survivors. Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss have had three children, namely: Flora M., born March 26, 1884; John W., born July 17, 1889; and Ethel M., born September 6, 1890.

**J**ONAS DAMON, a prominent wooden-ware manufacturer of Fitzwilliam, was born in Gardner, Mass., January 21, 1830. A son of John and Ruth (Sawin) Damon, he is a descendent of an old New England family whose founder was an Englishman. His grandfather, also named John Damon, a farmer of Westminster, Mass., lived for some years in Fitchburg, Mass., and died in the home of his son at the age of eighty years.

John Damon, the father of Jonas, was a lumberman engaged in supplying stock to chair factories. He came to this town from Gardner, bought two large wood lots, and built here the house which his son Jonas now occupies and an old-fashioned saw-mill, such as served before the days of circular saws. It is claimed that his business was the most extensive of the kind in the vicinity. At his death he was fifty years old. He was one of the early stockholders who built the Cheshire Branch Railroad, which supplanted the old stage line that used to run by his home. He first married Ruth Sawin, who became the mother of his three children—Catherine, George, and Jonas. Catherine died at the age of nineteen years. A second marriage united him to Selina Parker, a sister of Squire Parker, of Fitzwilliam. His son, George, who resides in Fitchburg, married Rosanna Proctor, and has four children—Frank, Elizabeth, Adeline, and John.

Jonas Damon, the youngest child of his parents, after a short period spent in the district school, worked for his father in the saw-mill until the death of the latter. Jonas and

George Damon then took the business, buying that part of it left to their step-mother, and engaged in the manufacture of butter tubs, pails, and other kinds of wood work, obtaining their timber from a large acreage of wooded land, purchased by them for that purpose. Mr. Jonas Damon repaired the old house, and has now a fine residence near the Massachusetts State line.

Mr. Damon married Ellen Parks, a daughter of Phineas Parks, of Winchendon, Mass., and now has eight children—Walter, Fred, Elmer, Isaac, Clarence, Lillian, Justin, and Harry. Six of the children still reside at home. Walter, the first-born, married Irene Goodrich, of Troy, and has two boys—Jonas and Elmer. He is in business and resides in Rindge. Fred is in Walter's employ. Elmer married Mary Shley, and is book-keeper for a provision dealer in Phillipsburg, N.J. Mrs. Damon died in 1885. Mr. Damon is a member of the Unitarian church. In politics he is a Republican. He has represented the town in the legislature; has served for two years on the School Board; is the present Town Surveyor; and he has been chosen Selectman, but has declined to serve.

**P**HINEAS AIKEN READ,<sup>1</sup> a prosperous farmer and an extensive real estate owner of Litchfield, N.H., was born in this town, May 1, 1816, son of William and Mary (Aiken) Read. His grandfather Read, who also was named William, and was a native of Westford, Mass., settled in Litchfield when a young man. He was one of the pioneers of the town, and cleared a farm, which is still known as the Read homestead. He was one of the enterprising men and representative citizens of his day, and for some time served as Deputy Sheriff. He established Read's Ferry, which he operated for many years; and in other ways he displayed a deep interest in the welfare and progress of the town. He reared a family of three sons and three daughters.

William Read, second, father of Phineas A., was born at the homestead in Litchfield, and grew to manhood as a farmer. He ran the

ferry during his active years, and carried on general farming with energy and success. For many years he was a Deacon of the Congregational church, and as an upright, conscientious man he always enjoyed the good-will of his neighbors and fellow-towners. His political views were originally those which formed the basis of the Whig party, and in his later years he was a Republican. Deacon Read lived to be seventy years old. He was twice married, and by his union with Lillian Norris, his first wife, there were eight children; namely, Nathaniel, William, Robert, Francis, Henry, Polly, Louisa, and Lillian, none of whom are living. For his second wife he wedded Mary Aiken, a native of Bedford, N.H., and the only child of that union is Phineas A., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Mary Aiken Read lived to be seventy-seven years old.

Phineas Aiken Read was educated in the district school, and at an early age began to assist his father in tilling the soil. The farm he now occupies is not the Read homestead, but was owned by his father; and he has resided here since he was thirteen years old. After the death of his mother he succeeded to its possession, and the active period of his life has been devoted to its cultivation. As a general farmer he has been industrious and thrifty; and, having invested his surplus capital in real estate, he is at the present time one of the largest land-owners in Litchfield.

Mr. Read married Selina D. Burnham, who was born in Amherst, N.H., November 9, 1810. Mrs. Read became the mother of seven children, as follows: Mary J., born December 27, 1837; William T., born February 9, 1840; Walter H., who was born May 29, 1842, and died January 5, 1892; George M., born August 5, 1844; Rachel B., born September 2, 1847; Nellie M., born March 22, 1850; and Phineas A., Jr., born August 8, 1853. Mary J. Read resides in Manchester, N.H.; William T. is in California; Phineas A., Jr., lives in Londonderry, N.H., and the others are residing at home. Mrs. Read died February 19, 1888.

Mr. Read followed the majority of the old Whig element into the ranks of the Republi-

can party, and has since been a firm supporter of its principles. He has always taken a lively interest in local public affairs, and has served with ability as a member of the Board of Selectmen. He is widely known as a worthy, upright man and a useful citizen. His sons, who are residing at home, assist in carrying on the farm; and they also are owners of valuable real estate in this town.

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**A**RTHUR MANNING DOOLITTLE, an enterprising druggist of Marlboro, Cheshire County, was born in Manchester, N.H., November 22, 1868, son of Joseph S. and Amanda H. (Beebe) Doolittle. His paternal grandfather, Hiram Doolittle, was a prosperous farmer of Winchester, N.H. Hiram Doolittle married Lucy Hazelton, daughter of Dr. John Hazelton, a Vermont surgeon, who served in his professional capacity in the Revolutionary War.

Joseph S. Doolittle, father of Arthur M., was born in Winchester, N.H.; and his first stipendiary employment, after leaving school, was as a sash, blind, and door maker. This he relinquished, however, to join the nation's defenders in the great Civil War, serving three years as a private in Company G, Fourteenth New Hampshire Regiment, and being wounded at the battle of Winchester. At the close of the war he entered the service of the Manchester & Lawrence Railway Company as a conductor, which position he held for fifteen years. Subsequently he was engaged for some time in the hotel business at the Weirs. He is now engaged in business in Harrisville, this county, but is a resident of Marlboro. His wife, Amanda, who is a daughter of Horatio K. Beebe, reared three sons — Irving W., Joseph Warren, and Arthur M. Irving W. is manager of the Hotel Throop at Topeka, Kan. Joseph is in the brokerage and real estate business in New York City, and resides in Montclair, N.J.

Arthur Manning Doolittle received his elementary education in the public schools of Manchester, and subsequently completed his studies with a two years' course at an academy

in Tilton, N.H. After spending a year in a wholesale dry-goods store in Boston, he in 1890 purchased his present store, to which he has since given his close attention. Politically he is a Republican, and cast his first vote for Benjamin Harrison in 1892. He is a member of the Congregational church of this village, of which also he is the organist. On March 10, 1890, Mr. Doolittle married Miss Emma M. Aldrich, daughter of George H. Aldrich, of Keene, N.H., by whom he has two children—Herman A. and Dorothy A. Mr. Doolittle is eligible to membership in the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, as his ancestors, on both the paternal and maternal sides, fought for American independence.

**G**EORGE E. COLBY,\* a farmer of Antrim, N.H., was born in Bennington, N.H., September 30, 1838. He received his early education at Bennington, and after his school followed the carpenter's trade. He was but thirteen years of age when his father died; and at the age of twenty-one years he went to Lowell, Mass., where he worked at his trade, being employed in wood-work and repairing in the Middlesex Mills of that city. He remained in Lowell for five years, and in the last part of the time he did general work as carpenter in the Chase Mills. He then removed to Bennington, and engaged in general farming, having land in Bennington and Antrim to the amount of one hundred and fifty acres. He has been very successful in his farming, which he carries on at the present time, being energetic and progressive.

He is a member of Oblin Lodge, No. 28, I. O. O. F., of Lowell, Mass. In politics he is an Independent. He has been Tax Collector of Bennington for two years. Mr. Colby married Almira Harriman, of Conway, N.H., and they have three children—Frederick H., Anna, and Alma. Frederick H. married Bertha Weeks, of Peterboro, N.H., by whom he has one child, Paul. Mr. and Mrs. Colby are both members of the Methodist church. Mr. Colby and his wife have

adopted a child, William. Mr. Colby is an industrious, self-made man and a highly respected citizen of the town.

**F**RANK LESLIE BRAGDON, a well-known boot and shoe manufacturer of Peterboro, Hillsboro County, N.H., was born in East Corinth, Me., on May 27, 1857, son of Edwin and Susan P. (French) Bragdon. His great-grandfather was Aaron Bragdon, a soldier in the Revolutionary War. His grandfather, Stephen Bragdon, born at Kennebeck, Me., was a farmer in East Corinth, and carried on also a considerable lumbering business. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist church and a Deacon of that society for many years. In politics a Democrat, he was sent as Representative to the State legislature; and he also served several terms as Selectman, being an eminently useful and highly esteemed citizen. He married a Miss Butterfield, and she became the mother of eight children, two of whom are now living, namely: Joseph, who married Mary Huse, and is the father of six children — Joshua, Jason, Adrian, Lucy, Abbie, and Minnie; and Edwin Bragdon, the father of Mr. Frank Bragdon.

Edwin Bragdon was born in Kennebeck, Me., August 25, 1825, and became a farmer and a lumberman in East Corinth. About twenty-three years ago he removed to Lynn and engaged in the carriage business, which he has continued down to the present time. He has been a successful business man, and is an honored citizen. Three of his children are living: De Witt C., who is married to Bessie J. Wallace; Delia, wife of Solomon B. Lewis; and Frank L., of Peterboro.

After receiving his school training in his native town and in Lynn, Frank L. Bragdon learned the shoe cutter's trade at Lynn. This he followed for twelve years, and in 1884 he came to Peterboro, where he worked for G. S. Stockwell for nine years, and in 1893 began the manufacture of misses', children's, and infants' shoes. The business has increased yearly, and about seventy workmen are now employed. Mr. Bragdon's wife is a partner

in the business, which is carried on under the name of Frank L. Bragdon & Co.

Mr. Bragdon's first marriage took place May 29, 1878. His first wife was Lynda E. Magee, of Lynn, and she bore him five children, three of whom are living: Henry C., born May 1, 1879; Bessie A., born August 1, 1884; and Charles H., born July 24, 1888. The present Mrs. Bragdon, whom he married November 25, 1891, was formerly Miss Emma J. Nahor, of Peterboro.

Mr. Bragdon is a member of Monodock Lodge, I. O. U. A., of Peterboro, and in politics is a Republican. He attends the Congregational church, and is always ready to give both moral and financial support to any worthy object. Energetic and enterprising, he is one of the leading business men of Peterboro.

**H**ON. DANIEL WILLARD RUGG, one of the largest farmers and stock-raisers in East Sullivan and an ex-member of the New Hampshire Senate, was born in this town, July 18, 1836, son of Harrison and Sophia (Beverstock) Rugg. The grandfather, Elijah Rugg, who was a native of Lancaster, Mass., came to Sullivan when a young man, and was there for several years engaged in farming. He finally returned to Massachusetts, where he resided for the rest of his life. His children were: Elijah, Harrison, Martin, Lucy, and Mira.

Harrison Rugg, born June 27, 1791, in Lancaster, Mass., was educated in Sullivan, and was employed as a farm assistant until he acquired the property his son now owns. A stirring farmer and a highly respected citizen, he took an active part in both civil and military affairs, and was Captain in the State militia. In religion he was a Congregationalist, and he frequently contributed to charitable and other worthy objects. He died May 25, 1859. His wife, who was born in Alstead, N.H., April 30, 1808, and is a daughter of Daniel Beverstock, resides with her son at the homestead. Although now in her ninetieth year, she is still active both physically and mentally, and employs the principal part

of her time in reading. She has been the mother of six children; namely, Emily S., Horace K., Gardner H., Daniel W., Edward E., and Edna A. L. Emily S. married Daniel Towne, of Sullivan, and is no longer living. Horace K. served in the Sixteenth New Hampshire Regiment during the Civil War, and is now a well-to-do farmer in Acworth, N.H. He successively married Clarissa Keith and Mary Chatterton, the latter of Acworth, both now deceased. There was one child by each union. Gardner H. went to Illinois, where he enlisted for service in the Civil War, and subsequently died at his home from disease contracted in the army. He married Lizzie Turner, and left two children. Edward E. is a prosperous resident of Keene, N.H., where he follows the occupations of carpenter, blacksmith, engineering, and farmer. He first married Sabrina Barrett. The maiden name of his second wife was Ella Foster. Edna A. L. Rugg, born December 19, 1857, died January 1, 1870.

Daniel Willard Rugg began his education in Sullivan, advanced by attending the high school in Nelson, and completed his studies at the Marlow Academy. He assisted in carrying on the home farm until the death of the elder Rugg, since which time he has managed it, and is also engaged in the lumbering business. His property, which contains four hundred acres, comprising tillage, pasture, and woodland, is desirably located and very productive. He has a large dairy, is noted as a breeder of fancy stock, and his oxen are famous throughout this entire section of the country. For a number of years he has been a member of the Board of Selectmen. He has served as Moderator at town meetings for many consecutive years, has ably performed the duties of Road Agent, and he was elected to the House of Representatives in 1885 and to the State Senate in 1889. He is prominently identified with the Patrons of Husbandry, having been Master of the Cheshire County Grange and a member of the Executive Committee of the State grange; and he is connected with the United Order of the Golden Cross. While a stanch Unitarian in religious belief, he attends the Congregational

church. Mr. Rugg married for his first wife Elvira Davis, a daughter of Marcus Davis, of Stoddard, N.H. His second wife was before marriage Rosabelle S., daughter of Asa Davis, of the same town. Arthur H. Rugg, his son by his first union, born September 26, 1863, attended the Marlow and Hancock Academies. With the exception of a year spent in the grain business at Keene, Arthur has assisted his father upon the farm since completing his education. He has served several terms as Selectman, and is now Town Clerk, and is one of the progressive young men of Sullivan. He is Master of Honor Bright Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and a member of the United Order of the Golden Cross. He married Alice M. Tarbox, daughter of Charles A. Tarbox, of Nelson, and has one daughter, Helen T., born October 22, 1895.

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**H**ON. BENJAMIN F. CUTTER, a resident of Jamaica Plain, Boston, Mass., who spends his summers in Jaffrey, N.H., was born in this town on March 17, 1827, son of Benjamin and Grata (Hunt) Cutter. His paternal grandfather, John Cutter, born in Woburn, Mass., in 1765, settled in Jaffrey about the year 1789, having previously married in Rindge, N.H., Abigail Demary, of that town, daughter of John Demary, who was born in Boston of French parentage. John Cutter was engaged in the business of tanner and currier throughout his active life. He and his wife, Abigail, had a family of twelve children, namely: John, born in 1788; Jonas; Benjamin; Ethan; Ermina; Nathaniel; Hepsy; Emeline; Cyrus; Esther; Paulina; and Abigail.

Benjamin, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Jaffrey, January 8, 1793. After his school days were ended he became, like his father, a tanner and currier, and followed this line of work until he retired from active toils and cares. He was a very successful business man, and was interested in town affairs, holding the office of Town Clerk for thirty years. He was also a Justice of the Peace and president of the Monadnock National Bank. He married Grata Hunt,

daughter of Nathan Hunt, a Revolutionary pensioner of this town, by occupation a farmer and tavern keeper. Five children blessed this marriage, their names being as follows: Sarah A., Ermina, Adaliza, Julius, and Benjamin F. Mr. Benjamin Cutter was a Mason, having joined that order in 1827. His religion, it is said, was the Golden Rule; and he was a man who was highly respected by all who knew him for his integrity and upright life. He died in August, 1885. Mrs. Cutter was born on June 26, 1793, and died in November, 1871.

Benjamin F. Cutter, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the district schools and at Melville Academy in Jaffrey. After leaving school he went to New York City, where at seventeen years of age he was a clerk in a trimming and small-wares store. This position he occupied for two years, at the end of which time he went to Boston and entered the employ of a wholesale house, importers of fancy goods and toys, remaining in their service until 1849, when he became a member of the firm which was known as Holman, Holden & Cutter, and subsequently Holden & Cutter. Under the latter name the firm had continued in business for fourteen years when it was changed to Cutter & Austin. Five years later the book-keeper was admitted to partnership, the firm then being Cutter, Austin & Co., afterward becoming Cutter, Hyde & Co., which continued until 1874, when Mr. Cutter retired from the business. Actively interested in municipal affairs and in the welfare and progress of the community, Mr. Cutter was trustee of the Jamaica Plain Savings Bank, and served on the School Committee for several years. In 1863 he served in the Massachusetts legislature as a Representative; in 1883 he was in the Senate, representing the Eighth Suffolk District; and in 1885 he was one of the Aldermen of Boston.

Mr. Cutter married Mary E. Capen, who was born December 28, 1833, daughter of Josiah Capen, of Boston, a carriage manufacturer. They have three children living: namely, Annie O., Harry H., and Mabelle E. Annie O. Cutter, born in Boston on January

23, 1855, married Edward L. Hersey, who is engaged in the rubber business in New York City. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hersey four are living, as follows: E. Langdon, Winthrop O., Marguerite, and Mildred; and two, Marion and Edith, are deceased. Marion married Walter L. Witherbee, who was engaged in the fruit business, and lived in California. There were no children by this marriage. Harry H. Cutter, born in 1860, is an electrician at Foxboro, Mass. He is married and has one child, Raymond. Mabelle E. Cutter, born December 2, 1871, is at home with her parents. Mr. Cutter is a member of the Congregational Church of Jamaica Plain. As a Mason he is a member of St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M., St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, and Boston Commandery, K. T., Boston. He is also a member of the Bostonian Society and of the New Hampshire Club.

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**A**LBERT B. LAWRENCE,\* superintendent of the Goodell Cutlery Works at Bennington, N.H., was born in Newburyport, Mass., December 31, 1845. His parents were Edwin and Mary S. (Ranney) Lawrence. His father, a printer by trade, resided for a number of years in Salem, Mass., where he was engaged as a printer on the Salem *Evening Journal*. He married Mary S. Ranney, and they had one child — Albert B., the subject of this sketch. Mr. Edwin Lawrence died in Salem. His wife was a member of the Episcopal church. She died at the age of forty-six years.

Albert B. Lawrence attended school in his native town; and after completing his education he went to Marlboro, N.H., where he learned the trade of a machinist, which he followed for about one and one-half years. He then went to Boston, Mass., where he was engaged for one year in the picture-frame and photograph business. In April, 1864, he enlisted in the Fourth Massachusetts Cavalry, Company K; and, serving as a private for twenty-two months, he was in many notable engagements, going through the Petersburg campaign under General B. F. Butler. After

returning from the war, he went to Antrim, N.H., where he was employed in the cutlery shop of Samuel Baldwin, remaining there for one year and a half. Later he was employed by W. D. & E. F. Woods in the same town for eight years. In 1875, at the time of the formation of the Goodell Company, he went to work for them, and some time later was appointed superintendent of the factory at Bennington, which position he holds at the present time.

He is a Republican in his political views, has been Tax Collector for a number of years, and at the present time is a member of the School Board. He is a member of Altamont Lodge, No. 26, F. & A. M., of Peterboro; and of Waverley Lodge, No. 59, I. O. O. F., of Antrim; is also connected with Ephraim Weston Post, G. A. R., of Antrim. In 1864 he married Frances S. Holmes, of Stoddard, N.H. Of the two children born to them, but one, a daughter, Edith L., is now living. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence are both members of the Congregational church. Mr. Lawrence is a hard-working man, and by his efficiency has attained the responsible position which he now holds, having full charge of the cutlery department at Bennington of the Goodell Company.

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**A**LFRED G. TWISS,\* a prosperous farmer of Hollis and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in this town, April 26, 1822, son of John and Lucy (Green) Twiss. His great-grandfather was an early settler here; and his grandfather, Asahel Twiss, was a native of Hollis. Asahel Twiss was an industrious farmer through life, and died at a good old age.

John Twiss, father of Alfred G., was born in Hollis, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. He became the owner of a large farm, which he carried on energetically and with good results, and he was one of the progressive residents of Hollis in his day. He was a Universalist in his religious views, and in politics he went from the Whig party to the Republican ranks. His wife, Lucy Green, was born in Groton, Mass. Her father,

Eleazar Green, a Revolutionary patriot, participated in the battle of Bunker Hill. She became the mother of ten children, of whom four are living, namely: Benjamin A., of Nashua, N.H.; Alfred G., the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Herman Williams, of Pepperell; and Charles K., who resides in Dunstable. John Twiss lived to be seventy-six years old, but his wife died at the age of sixty-three.

Alfred G. Twiss in his childhood attended school in the Brimstone district, as it was called, of his native town; and at an early age he began to make himself useful upon the farm. When a young man he went to Cape Cod, Massachusetts, where for sixteen years he was engaged in the culture of cranberries, planting many bogs. In 1862 he enlisted as a private in Company I, Thirty-third Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, for service in the Civil War, and took part in the battle of Chancellorsville and the seven days' fight. Sustaining a serious bodily injury while in the army, he was honorably discharged in 1865. He then went back to Orleans, Barnstable County, Mass., where he continued to reside until 1866 or 1867, when he returned to Hollis. Here he has since been engaged in general farming. He owns a good farm of about thirty-five acres, and his crops are always large and of a superior quality.

Mr. Twiss married Priscilla Gould, a native of Orleans, and has three children living, namely: Emma, wife of Frank N. Morse, of Penacook, N.H.; Franklin F., who resides in Hollis; and Sarah Nichols, who lives in Penacook. Mr. Twiss is a liberal in religion, and in politics a Democrat.

Franklin F. Twiss was born in Barnstable County, Massachusetts, January 5, 1856. He began his education in Brewster, Mass., and his studies were completed in the schools of Hollis. While yet a boy he began to earn wages, which he gave to his father, and continued to do so until he arrived at his majority. Being naturally industrious and frugal in his habits and of a saving turn, he was not long in accumulating a sum sufficient to buy a farm of forty acres; and he is now actively engaged in tilling the soil. He married in December, 1882, Eliza Freeman, a native of

Orleans, Mass., and has one daughter Bertha May. Politically, he acts with the Democratic party.

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**C**HARLES E. SLATE, First Selectman of Winchester and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Thorndike, Mass., May 14, 1847, son of Obed Slate, Jr., and Sarah (Colton) Slate. His grandfather, Colonel Obed Slate, who was born April 6, 1778, resided for the greater part of his life in Hinsdale, where for years he was the only person qualified to do legal business. Colonel Slate served as a Selectman for a number of terms, was Representative to the legislature for thirteen years, and acted as a Justice of the Peace. His title of Colonel was acquired by long service in the old State militia. He married Susan Doolittle, who, born April 15, 1784, daughter of Captain Otis Doolittle, became the mother of eleven children. These were: Hoit, born October 21, 1804, who died November 12, 1838; Sarah, born June 15, 1808, who married Erastus Cooper, and died March 3, 1887; Elvira, born September 28, 1810, who wedded Moses Morse, of Belchertown, Mass., and died February 10, 1880; Obed, born June 30, 1812; George, born August 15, 1814, who now resides in Bellows Falls, Vt.; John B., born July 16, 1816, who died December 10, 1890; Miranda, born June 17, 1818, who became Mrs. Hastings, and died June 12, 1840; Susan, born April 17, 1820, who died May 22, 1846; Orrin, born August 24, 1822, who now resides in Belchertown; Willard, born December 3, 1825, who died August 31, 1866; and Charles, who died at the age of seven years. Colonel Slate died March 28, 1862, and his wife on February 25, 1853.

Obed Slate, Jr., was reared and educated in Hinsdale. When a young man he learned a trade in Ithaca, N.Y., where he resided for a time. He also kept a hotel in Thorndike, Mass., for about four years. Afterward he settled at the homestead in Hinsdale, where he was engaged in general farming until his death, which occurred July 27, 1869. He

acted as a Justice of the Peace, and, like his father, attended to much legal business, including the settlement of estates. In politics he supported the Republican party. He was elected a Selectman several times, he represented the town in the legislature for two terms, and he was at one time Collector of Internal Revenue for this district. His wife, Sarah, who was a native of Wilbraham, Mass., and a daughter of Edward Colton, became the mother of four children—Charles E., Annie Augusta, George M., and Susan, all born in Hinsdale. Annie Augusta married Augustus B. Ross, and resides in Miller's Falls, Mass. George M. Slate, who is a graduate of the Philadelphia Dental School, having practised dentistry for some time in Brooklyn, N.Y., is now following his profession in Sydney, Australia, where he has also quite a reputation as a horseman. At one time he was American Vice-Consul in Sydney. He married Hattie Denning, of Springfield, Mass., and has a family. Mrs. Obed Slate married for her second husband Elisha Hutchins, of Winchester, N.H.

Charles E. Slate was educated in the schools of Hinsdale and at Powers Institute, Bernardston, Mass. He assisted in carrying on the homestead farm until after the death of his father. For the succeeding four years he was engaged in the cultivation of tobacco. After the estate was settled, he came to Winchester, and has since followed general farming. He is widely known throughout this section as an efficient musician and instructor of brass bands, having been connected with upward of twenty-four different organizations, and the leader of the Winchester Brass Band since its establishment. The latter, which has the reputation of being a first-class country band, during political campaigns is frequently engaged for torchlight processions in Keene and adjoining towns. Mr. Slate is a skilful cornet player, as well as a leader of bands and orchestras. The members of his family are also capable musicians, each playing a different instrument, constituting a home orchestra, which is a source of much pleasure to the entire neighborhood. During the seasons of 1882, 1883, 1884, and 1885 he managed the

Mount Monadnock Hotel for Batchelder Brothers; and his efforts in providing for the comfort and enjoyment of its patrons were highly appreciated.

Mr. Slate married Jennie M. Putnam, a daughter of Amos A. Putnam, who was for many years a prominent business man of Winchester. Mr. Slate's children are: Fred C., Daisy P., and John O. In politics he is a Republican, and figures prominently as a leader in the local party organization. He was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Selectmen and Assessors in 1894, has been re-elected several times to the same position, and is now serving his fourth term as chairman. He has served on the Board of Overseers of the Poor for five terms; and he was in the legislature in 1881, and served on the Committee on Finance. He filled the office of Postmaster with marked ability for nearly four years under the Harrison administration, and he has recently been appointed to the same office by the McKinley administration. A Justice of the Peace, he saves the town considerable expense in the taking of depositions of paupers, and his town reports are remarkably clear and accurate. He has been chosen a delegate to various district, county, and State conventions, and he assisted in nominating Governor Haile. He is a member of Cheshire Lodge, No. 82, I. O. O. F., and was a charter member of the local grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

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**J**AMES L. HARDY,<sup>4</sup> of Wilton, Hillsboro County, a well-known builder, an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, and a pensioned veteran of the Civil War, was born in Hollis, N.H., September 8, 1825, son of James and Mary (Smith) Hardy. His grandfather Hardy served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and participated in the battle of Bunker Hill. The greater part of his life was passed upon a farm in Hollis, and he lived to be over ninety years old. In his religious views he was a Congregationalist. He was the father of nine children, none of whom are living.

James Hardy, father of James L., was born

in Hollis, and when a young man he learned the stone-cutter's trade. He was employed at the United States Navy Yard in Charlestown, Mass., for a time, and also worked at his trade in Nashua, N.H. His last days were spent in Hollis, and he died at the age of forty-two years. In politics he was originally a Whig and later a Democrat. In military affairs he was actively interested, and held a Captain's commission in the State militia. He attended the Congregational church. His wife, Mary, who was a daughter of Daniel Smith, of Hollis, became the mother of nine children, of whom the only survivor is James L., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Mary Smith Hardy died at the age of thirty-nine years.

James L. Hardy removed with his parents to Nashua when he was ten years old, and his education was completed in that town. After the death of his parents he began work as an apprentice at the carpenter's trade, serving three years in Amherst and Manchester, N.H.; and later he was employed as a journeyman in Lawrence, Mass., by one man for eight years. At the expiration of that period he bought a small farm in Amherst, N.H., and for some time thereafter he was engaged in tilling the soil in connection with following his trade. On October 20, 1861, he walked to Manchester, a distance of twenty-five miles, for the purpose of enlisting for service in the defence of the Union, and enrolled his name in Company E, Eighth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers. He was shortly made Sergeant of his company; and on April 14, 1862, he was commissioned Second Lieutenant, being the first to receive a commission from the ranks. He was transferred to Company A, and saw considerable active service at the front, being in the battle of Georgia Landing, La., in October. He resigned his commission in December, 1862. After the war he settled in Wilton, where he resumed his trade, and engaged as a contractor and builder. He erected the Unitarian church and the town house, besides several residences, and is considered one of the most able and trustworthy builders in this section of the county.

In politics Mr. Hardy is a firm supporter of the Democratic party. He was for several years Chief Engineer of the Wilton Fire Department; and he represented this district in the legislature for the years 1871, 1885, and 1891. He has been an exceedingly active man; but his constitution was considerably affected by exposure during the war, and he now draws a pension from the government.

On March 30, 1863, Mr. Hardy was joined in marriage with Elvira S. Noyes, of Amherst, daughter of Arnet Noyes. Mr. and Mrs. Noyes attend the Unitarian church.

**A**MOS ADAMS PUTNAM, now of Warwick, Mass., was for many years a prominent figure in the public affairs of Winchester, N.H. Born in Winchester, April 11, 1824, he is a son of Amos and Susan Rebecca (Wheeler) Putnam. His maternal grandfather, who was of good fighting stock, served with honor in the struggle for American independence. The paternal grandfather, Amos Putnam (first), who was a native of Danvers, Mass., in his younger days moved to Fitchburg, Mass., and there worked for some time at his trade, that of a carpenter. He came to Winchester in 1818, settling upon land in the south-western part of the town, and carried on general farming for the rest of his life. He was also a soldier in the Revolution, and participated in the battle of Bennington. In his religious views he was a Universalist, and he was actively connected with the church in Fitchburg. The maiden name of his wife was Lydia Hovey, and his children were: Amos, Lydia, Polly, Samuel, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Susan. Lydia became the wife of Captain George Tufts. Polly successively married a Mr. Reed and a Mr. Garfield. Amos, who succeeded to the homestead, made a specialty of fattening cattle and hogs for market. He married Susan Rebecca Wheeler, of Ashby, Mass., and they had seven children, namely: Albert, who married Emeline Smith, and resides in Winchester; Amos A., the subject of this sketch; Harriet, the wife of Smyrna Bancroft; James, who married Jane Whipple;

Mary Ann (now deceased), who married Nathan B. Hammond; Fannie, who married Lucy Holton, and is now deceased; and Susan, who married Isaac Smith, and is now also deceased.

Amos Adams Putnam and his brother James, who both remained upon the homestead to care for their parents, after the death of their father purchased the interests of the other heirs to the property. In 1865 Amos A. sold his interest in the property to James, and bought of William and Lucius Rixford a farm of one hundred and ten acres, situated upon the road to Chesterfield factory. On this estate, to which he added seventy acres of adjoining land, he carried on general farming and cattle-raising until 1887, when he engaged in the milk business. In May, 1893, he moved to Warwick, Mass., on account of failing health, where he now occupies a small farm of thirteen acres near Warwick village, leaving his Winchester property in charge of his son. In politics Mr. Putnam is a Democrat. Although that party did not predominate in Winchester at the time, he was chosen Selectman for nine years, and for three years of that period was chairman of the Board of Selectmen and an Overseer of the Poor. He was a member of the legislature in the last annual session, was in the first biennial session in 1879, and was again a member in 1885-86. While in the legislature he served on the Finance and Retrenchment and Reform Committees, and was the clerk of the latter committee. He was a Justice of the Peace from 1870 to 1885, during which time, being conversant with legal formalities and the modes of procedure, he settled several estates.

On February 17, 1845, Mr. Putnam was united in marriage with Nancy B. Robbins, who was born in Hinsdale, N.H., October 25, 1823, daughter of John Robbins. Of their nine children five are living, namely: Jennie M., born March 19, 1847, who is now the wife of Charles E. Slate; N. Maria, born May 23, 1850, who is now the widow of Willard H. Snow, having one son; Addie C., born May 9, 1856, who married C. A. Williams, and has had seven children; Jesse R., born March 30, 1862, who married Nellie Rixford, and has one son; and George Henry, born January 14,

1864, who married Harriet J. Freeman, and has two children. The others were: John A., born April 29, 1848, who died June 22, 1873; Sarah E., born April 7, 1852, who died January 11, 1861; George A., born June 24, 1854, who died May 25, 1857; and Henry S., born April 10, 1858, who died July 1, 1860. Mrs. Putnam died June 13, 1896. Mr. Putnam's interest in anything ancient and historical, especially if connected with his own family history, has led him to preserve a note, of which the following is a copy, given by his grandfather, Amos Putnam (first), to the Selectmen of Fitchburg, Mass., for the purpose designated:—

"FITCHBURG, August ye 2<sup>d</sup>, 1777.

"Received of the Selectmen of Fitchburg, the towns property, one Gun, valued at six pounds, which I promise to Return to the selectmen of ye town when I return from the Draft which I am now Drafted, in order to go to Bennington to the assistance of Col. Seth Warner, or pay the above said sum upon my return, unless lost in action with the Enemy.

"Witness my Hand,  
AMOS PUTNAM."

Mr. Putnam, without any solicitation on his part, was given a commission as Adjtant of the Sixth Regiment of the militia of the State of New Hampshire, with the rank of Captain, the commission bearing date of June 7, 1854, and being signed by Governor Noah Martin. Mr. Putnam held this commission until the old militia law was repealed, some three or four years later.

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**P**AULATHAN A. BROWN,\* a prosperous agriculturist residing in the town of Temple, Hillsboro County, was born in Antrim, N.H., May 25, 1833, son of Isaac and Sarah (Flagg) Brown. His paternal grandfather, Stephen Brown, was a native of Sudbury, Mass., born August 11, 1769. In 1808 he removed his family to Temple, and for the rest of his life he was there engaged in tilling the soil. He was industrious and successful, and one of the highly respected citizens of his day. On

October 15, 1793, he married Eunice Proctor, who was born February 16, 1772. Stephen Brown died December 14, 1851, aged eighty-two years; and his wife, who lived to be over ninety-one years old, died August 11, 1863. They were members of the Congregational church. None of their twelve children are now living.

Isaac Brown, Nathan A. Brown's father, was born in Sudbury, July 10, 1794. He was one of twins, but his brother died young. Isaac accompanied his parents to New Hampshire, and when a young man settled in Antrim, where he carried on general farming energetically and with good results. About the year 1849 he removed to Temple, where he continued to till the soil for the rest of his active period; and he died April 13, 1879. In politics he was originally a Whig and later a Republican. His wife, Sarah Flagg, whom he married December 30, 1818, was a daughter of Josiah Flagg, of Mason, N.H. She became the mother of a large family of children, six of whom grew to maturity, and four are living, namely: Harriet; Mary Ann; Adna; and Nathan A., the subject of this sketch. Harriet is the widow of the Rev. Joseph B. Hill, late of Mason, and has three children—Charles E., Wilton B., and Joseph A. Mary Ann is the wife of James H. Walton, of Temple, and has one daughter, Sarah E. Adna married for his first wife Mary Newton, of Antrim, and for his second wife Fanny Wilson, of Littleton, N.H., and he has two children—Walter W. and Belle. Mrs. Sarah F. Brown died in 1883. She was a member of the Congregational church.

Nathan A. Brown was educated in the common schools, and at the age of sixteen he came with his parents to Temple. Since leaving school he has been engaged in farming, and in 1870 he bought the property he now owns and cultivates. He later added fifty acres to his original purchase, and now owns one hundred acres of fertile land, which is desirably located.

On September 19, 1857, Mr. Brown was joined in marriage with Sarah, daughter of Artemas Brown, of Antrim. He is justly regarded as one of the most practical farmers

of Temple, and is highly esteemed for his integrity and other sterling qualities. He is a Republican in politics and a Congregationalist in his religious views.



**WILBUR L. PHELPS,**<sup>1</sup> a prominent business man of New Ipswich, was born in this town, August 28, 1867, and is the son of Lorenzo C. B. and Helen M. (Judkins) Phelps.

Mr. Phelps's paternal grandfather, Simeon Phelps, married Lucinda Putnam, and they had four children, two of whom are now living, namely: Lucy A., the widow of Daniel Pratt, and Lorenzo C. B., the father of the subject of this sketch. Grandfather Phelps was a farmer in Sutton, Mass., living there from his birth to his death; and in Sutton his son Lorenzo was born.

After his school days were over, Lorenzo went to Keene, N.H., then to Peterboro, and finally settled in New Ipswich, where he worked for John Kingsley, of the express company running from New Ipswich to Boston, as express messenger for many years. Later he engaged in the livery business for himself in New Ipswich, which he continued until about ten years ago, when advancing years and poor health compelled him to retire from active work. He now enjoys the results of his former industry. Mr. Lorenzo C. B. Phelps has been twice married, his first wife being Mary J. Miller, of Peterboro, N.H., who died at the age of twenty-three years, leaving no children. His second wife, formerly Helen M. Judkins, is the mother of Mr. Wilbur L. Phelps. She was married to Mr. Phelps October 17, 1854, in Boston, the ceremony being performed by the late Rev. Dr. A. A. Miner. Wilbur L. is the only living child. Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo C. B. Phelps are both members of the Baptist church. In politics he is a Democrat. He is well known and highly respected in New Ipswich.

Wilbur Phelps was educated in the district schools, and began the work of life by being employed for about two years by H. R. Wheeler in a general store. He then went to Boston for a time; and, returning to New Ips-

wich in 1889, he purchased his present business stand.

Mr. Phelps's popularity is attested by the various offices he has held. In 1893 he was chosen Town Clerk, and has held that position up to the present time. Since 1895 he has been Town Treasurer. On April 26, 1892, he married Miss Abbie L. Balch, daughter of Moses Balch, of this place.



**J**OHN BLISS, an expert woollen manufacturer and overseer of one of the mills in Gilsum, Cheshire County, N.H., was born in this town, October 25, 1848, son of Cyrus and Sarah C. (Nash) Bliss. He is a grandson of the first settled physician in Gilsum and a descendant of Colonial ancestry. The immigrant founder of the family in New England, Thomas Bliss, who was born in Belstone Parish, Devonshire, England, in 1585, located at Braintree, Mass., in 1635. In 1640 he settled in Hartford, Conn., and resided there the rest of his life. Samuel Bliss, a son of Thomas, was born in Belstone Parish, England, in 1624, and died in Springfield, Mass., March 23, 1720. Jonathan Bliss, a grandson of Thomas, was born in Springfield, Mass., January 5, 1672, and died in East Windsor, Conn., about 1740. Jonathan Bliss, second, great-grandson of Thomas and great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Windsor, Conn., January 4, 1712, and died in April, 1799. He was a pioneer settler in Gilsum and probably the first one. His son, Dr. Abner Bliss, John Bliss's grandfather, was born in Tolland, Conn., November 29, 1752. He accompanied his parents to Gilsum, was the first physician of the town, and practised medicine until his death, which occurred May 29, 1812. He was the father of ten children; namely, Naomi, Ruth, Abner, Lucinda, Sybil, Levi, Sally, John, Nancy, and Cyrus.

Cyrus Bliss, father of John Bliss, was born in Taunton, Mass., April 16, 1798. He was reared and educated in Gilsum, where he resided for the rest of his life; and his active years were spent in farming. He united with the Christian church, of which he was elected

Bishop, April 7, 1828; and he was sincerely esteemed for his high moral character and earnest piety. Cyrus Bliss died July 24, 1872. His first wife, Nancy Dean, born in 1807, daughter of David Dean, of Taunton, Mass., died April 17, 1836. Sarah Chastina Nash, his second wife, who was born in 1827, daughter of Levi and Martha D. (Miller) Nash, died September 6, 1849. Cyrus Bliss was the father of nine children, seven by his first marriage and two by his second, namely: Cyrus R., born June 19, 1826; John N.; Hannah and two others who died in infancy; Eunice M., born June 2, 1831; Nancy C., who died young; Nancy L., born April 8, 1846, who died May 19, 1852; and John, the subject of this sketch. Cyrus R. Bliss, who is a farmer and lumberman of Gilsum, has been married three times. Eunice M., who died in September, 1894, was the wife of Nathaniel Heath, of Stoddard, N.H., and left a family.

John Bliss was educated in Gilsum, and after finishing his studies he learned the woollen manufacturer's trade. He has plied his calling in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania, and has held the position of superintendent of different factories. For the past eight years he has occupied his present position in Gilsum. He is thoroughly conversant with the business; and, being a practical mechanic, he designs and makes any kind of a device or piece of machinery he desires to use. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, a Knight Templar, and is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Rebekahs, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Order of American Mechanics, and the Daughters of Liberty.

Mr. Bliss has been twice married. His first wife was Fanny M. Austin, born August 8, 1854, daughter of Thomas and Mary T. (Green) Austin, of Warrenville, Conn. She died March 14, 1879. His present wife was before marriage Agnes L. Busia, born April 25, 1860, daughter of John and Louisa (Savage) Busia.

Mr. Bliss is interested in orange growing in Florida, and owned a nice grove of two hun-

dred trees, which were killed down to the ground by the great freeze-up in February, 1895. The loss was nearly total; but the trees are sprouting up again, and it is hoped they will fully recover their former condition after a few years.

Two of Mr. Bliss's ancestors were soldiers in the Revolutionary War; namely, his mother's grandfather and great grandfather, James and Abraham Nash, of Taunton, Mass. Abraham Nash was in General Ward's division at the siege of Boston in 1775-76; and his son, James Nash, was in service from 1776 to the close of the war.

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**H**ENRY W. FLETCHER, general superintendent for the Cheshire Improvement Company, Rindge, N.H., was born in Bennington, Hillsboro County, December 8, 1851, son of Samuel W. and Emily T. (Brooks) Fletcher. The first American ancestor of the family was Robert Fletcher, an Englishman, it is thought from Yorkshire, who with his three sons — Luke, William, and Samuel — came to this country in 1630 and settled in Concord, Mass., where he died April 3, 1677. Walter Fletcher, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, born in Westford, Mass., in 1805, as we learn from the Fletcher Genealogy, was of the seventh generation in descent from the immigrant. He married for his first wife Mary Chamberlain.

Their eldest son, Samuel W., Henry W. Fletcher's father, was born in Westford, January 24, 1829. He came to Rindge when a young man, and here began his business career. Later for some years he resided successively in Bennington, N.H., and in Haverhill, Mass, whence he returned to this town, where he was a prosperous merchant for a number of years, also serving as Postmaster. He afterward removed to Newton, Mass., where he spent the rest of his life, continuing in mercantile business. His first wife, Emily T. Fletcher, born Brooks, whom he married in Rindge, April 25, 1850, was a daughter of Joseph and Emily T. Brooks. She died when her only son, Henry W., the subject of

this sketch, was six months old; and Samuel W. Fletcher married her sister, Caroline M. Brooks.

Henry W. Fletcher completed his education at the New Ipswich Academy. After teaching two terms of school he was for a time engaged with his father in trade at Rindge Centre and at West Rindge, and for a year was engaged in the manufacture of pails at West Rindge. About 1890 he became connected with the Cheshire Improvement Company, at that time engaged in raising thoroughbred Jersey cattle and horses upon a large scale, controlling seven thousand acres of land, and employing one hundred and fifty men. This concern has a lumber-mill, a brickyard, and a stone quarry; and for the past four years Mr. Fletcher has been general superintendent of the enterprise. He has served as a Selectman for six years in succession, was formerly Tax Collector and at one time Postmaster, and was Census Enumerator in 1890.

On September 8, 1875, Mr. Fletcher was joined in marriage with Anna C. Norcross, of Rindge, daughter of Joshua Norcross, and a great-grand-daughter of Jeremiah Norcross, a Revolutionary soldier. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, namely: Eva A. and Charles W., both graduates of the Winchendon High School; Alice E., who died aged fifteen months; and Sidney N., now attending school in Rindge. Charles W. Fletcher entered Dartmouth College in the autumn of the present year, 1897. Mr. Fletcher is connected with the Order of the Golden Cross, and is a member of the Congregational church, of which he is clerk.

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**L**EWIS G. HILDRETH, M.D.,<sup>\*</sup> a physician of Bennington, Hillsboro County, N.H., was born in Whitefield, Coos County, N.H., February 3, 1868. His parents were George and Alvira (Ingram) Hildreth. His paternal grandfather, Stephen Hildreth, was born in Lisbon, N.H., where he lived the greater part of his life, and carried on general farming. He married Amanda Holmes, and they had five children, three of whom are now living; namely, Mary,

Carrie, and Edwin. He died at the age of seventy-four years; and his wife, Dr. Hildreth's grandmother, now makes her home at Whitefield, N.H.

George Hildreth, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Whitefield, N.H., and resided there during his life, engaged in general farming, in which he was very successful. He died at the age of thirty-one years; and his wife, formerly Miss Alvira Ingram, was about the same age at the time of her death. Their children were: Lewis G., Elwin, Sydney, and Gertrude.

Lewis G. Hildreth, the subject of this sketch, received his early education in his native town, graduating from the high school. He then entered the medical department of the University of Wooster, Cleveland, Ohio, and took one course, after which he went to the Kentucky School of Medicine, Louisville, Ky., where he was graduated. Shortly afterward he settled at Glen Station, Carroll County, N.H., remaining for one year; and in 1893 he removed to Bennington, where he has practised with good success up to the present time. He has been a member of the School Board for the last three years, is also one of the library trustees and a member of the Board of Health. In politics he is a Democrat. He is also a member of White Mountain Lodge of Masons, No. 84, of Whitefield. On June 17, 1896, he was married to Florence A. Russell, daughter of Austin N. Russell. Mrs. Hildreth is a member of the Congregational church.

**F**IRAM C. NEWTON, editor and publisher of the monthly sheet known as the *Home Companion*, was born in Marlboro, N.H., December 8, 1845, son of Martin Luther and Mary Ann (Crombie) Newton. His father was the grandson of Luther Newton, who was a son of Seth Newton, of Southboro, Mass.

Luther Newton removed with his wife in May, 1788, from Southboro to Marlboro, N.H., where he resided for a time on a farm now owned by the heirs of the late Rufus S. Frost. He purchased a lot of land, and

erected with his own hands a compact and well-finished log house, located near what was known for many years as the Newton Meadow, but which is now a pond. He was very industrious, and with his great strength and power of endurance was able to accomplish more work than most men. His land was rather poor, and he was obliged to work out by the day in order to procure the necessities of life for his family. His evenings were spent making shingles and doing other work about his premises; and he was subsequently able to buy another piece of land, upon which he made a clearing and built the house on what is known as the Newton place, removing to it in 1797. About the same time he brought on his shoulder quite a long distance a young elm, which he set out within a few feet of the house, and which has grown to be the large tree now to be seen there, spreading its long branches over the house and dooryard. His wife, Miriam, was no less diligent. To clothe her family she worked at dressmaking and millinery for the neighbors, taking her pay in spinning and weaving.

Luther Newton died November 19, 1829, at the age of sixty-nine; and his son Calvin came into possession of the home farm. Miriam Newton, the widowed mother, residing there until her death, which occurred September 22, 1852, at the age of eighty-eight. The Newtons have generally been a long-lived race. Luther Newton's grandmother lived to be one hundred and six and his great-grandmother one hundred and twelve years of age.

Calvin Newton resided on the home farm until the spring of 1857, removing at that time to West Swanzey, where he lived fourteen years, until the fall of 1871, at which time he came to Troy, where he made his home with his son, Martin L., until his death, December 16, 1873, at the age of eighty-three. He was five times married. The Troy History, recently published, speaks of him as follows: —

"Calvin, the father of Martin, was a man of much ability and dignity of character. He was for many years one of the foremost citizens of the town, respected for his general



*Yours Truly,*  
*H. C. Newton.*

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knowledge and sound judgment; and his farm became a model one for the times. He enjoyed the good opinion of his townsmen as an honest and enterprising man." When about fifty years of age, as he was one day leading a horse to plough, he was struck in the ankle by the horse's foot, which proved a serious accident, lockjaw for a time being feared, but prevented. Ever after he had a bad leg, was lame and unable to do much work, although he continued to live there.

His son, Martin L., came into possession of the farm in the spring of 1845, and there resided and carried it on, working hard to improve its condition until the spring of 1866, when he sold it to George Thatcher, still residing on the place until the spring of 1869, when he removed about a mile distant, to what was known as the Alton Thatcher place, where he lived one year. In the spring of 1870 he came to Troy, purchasing of Ira G. Starkey the place where he ever afterward resided until his death, which occurred December 26, 1895, at the age of seventy-five. Like his ancestors, Martin L. Newton was a tall, large, muscular man, and in his younger days performed a large amount of work. He was considered one of the best farmers in Marlboro, and by industry, economy, good calculation, and the assistance of a helpful wife, who was also a hard worker and good calculator, he accumulated considerable property. He was much like his father and grandfather in methods, despising hypocrisy and false pretense, and being opposed to extravagance and outside show, but in favor of having the comforts of life and paying for the same. He was considered a square man in his dealings, and paid his honest debts, his financial motto being, "Live within your means, and pay as you go." The New Hampshire *Sentinel* published a very lengthy and touching notice of his life at the time of his death.

February 14, 1845, Martin Luther Newton married Mary Ann Crombie, of Hancock, who became the mother of Hiram C. Newton. She died April 12, 1847; and he married second, May 14, 1848, Sarah M. Strong, daughter of Richard and Sally Strong, of Dublin.

Hiram C. Newton was educated at the

Marlboro Depot district school. He was born and brought up on his father's farm, where he worked hard until he was twenty-three years old. For the next year or two he worked winters sawing wood in Marlboro village and elsewhere, chopping, etc., and in the summer, on the highway, at farm work, shovelling gravel, on the quarry, or wherever he could get work. In the fall of 1870 he came to Troy, and engaged as night watchman in the Troy blanket-mills, following this business for two years. In April, 1872, he published the first number of the *Home Companion*, the first paper ever published in Troy. It was announced in this issue to be published quarterly at twenty-five cents per year. At the end of three months, when it became time to print the second number, the expenditure had been over one hundred dollars more than the receipts, and the prospect was such that many would have given up the venture; but Mr. Newton was naturally persevering, and went into the work with a determination to succeed if possible, and, by giving strict attention to business and working hard, he made a success of it. In connection with publishing the paper, he advertised in the same notions and novelties, such as could be sent by mail, and also advertised both paper and notions in the magazines; and for a while he did a good mailing business, sending goods to all parts of the country, his postage at one time amounting to more than all the rest of the town.

This business becoming unprofitable after two or three years, on account, partly, of being overdone, he hired rooms in the old academy building, and put in a class of goods more suitable for home trade. In this he was quite successful for several years, until the business depression came on. During all the time from April, 1872, to the present he has published the *Companion*, most of the time after the first two years as a monthly. For about six years of this time he published the local news in it; but, on account of the extra expense required and small amount of receipts, the town being small, he lost six hundred dollars in this undertaking in the six years, besides much extra time spent. He

then discontinued the local department, with the honor of having published the first and only local paper ever published in Troy. Instead of a local sheet the *Companion* is now a literary paper, adapted to all classes and all places. Mr. Newton also sends out several teams with the Boston Sunday papers to the neighboring towns, his territory extending from Peterboro to Westport, and including Dublin, Harrisville, and Marlboro. A few years ago he bought the Whittemore granite quarry which had not been much worked up to that time, and sold it to parties who began quarrying stone. They in turn sold it to other parties who built a stone shed capable of accommodating one hundred stone cutters. Thus a new industry was founded in Troy, which has been of great benefit to the town.

Mr. Newton has shown himself to be persevering in all his undertakings. In politics he is a Republican, and cast his first Presidential vote for General U. S. Grant in 1868. Mr. Newton belongs to no church and to no secret society, being, as he himself expresses it, only "a member of the great human race" and, we may be permitted to add, "in good standing." Upon his father's death in December, 1895, he inherited the homestead in Troy, the dwelling being a fine stone house situated near the Fitzwilliam road; and here, in accordance with his father's wishes, his beloved mother makes her home with him.

**H**ON. JOHN STEPHEN COLLINS, the well-known woollen manufacturer of Gilsum, a former member of the New Hampshire Senate, was born December 15, 1841, in Oxford, Mass. His parents, Stephen and Anastasia (Murphy) Collins, were natives of Ireland; and his grandfather, John Collins, was a woollen manufacturer of Cork. He emigrated with his family to the United States in 1830, settling at Webster, Mass.

Stephen Collins, son of John, was born in Dublin, Ireland, June 24, 1811. He accompanied his parents to this country, and, having learned the woollen manufacturing business, was employed for a number of years in fac-

tories in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. Afterward, in company with his sons, he started a factory in Brattleboro, Vt., a venture that proved disastrous. He, however, paid every dollar of his indebtedness; and, accumulating more capital, he and his sons again established themselves in business at Gilsum, where they became successful manufacturers of beaver cloth, worsted, and other woollen goods. Stephen Collins retired from business in 1873, and removing to Boston, Mass., resided there the rest of his life. He was a man highly esteemed for his upright character and honorable business methods. Michael Collins, elder son of Stephen, finished his education at Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., and started in the woollen manufacturing business with his father and brother. He later engaged in business on his own account in Springfield, Vt., where he remained three years; was next located at Harrisville, N.H., the same length of time; and then established himself in Dracut, Mass., where he is now proprietor of an extensive woollen plant. The village of Collinsville, which has sprung up around his factory, was named for him: and he has acquired a high reputation, not only for his business ability, but for his liberality and benevolence. He is a thirty-second degree Mason. Mrs. Stephen Collins, who is still living, resides in Gilsum, and is remarkably bright and active at the age of eighty-six years.

John Stephen Collins began his education in Stafford Springs, Conn., and completed it in Worcester, Mass. He became thoroughly familiar with the woollen manufacturing industry under the direction of his father, with whom he was associated in business; and since the death of the elder Collins he has carried on the plant in Gilsum. His factory produces beaver cloth and worsted goods of a superior quality, which are marketed in Boston and New York; and his business ability is of much benefit to the community.

Mr. Collins is actively interested in public affairs. He served as Town Treasurer, and is a member of the School Board, ably represented his district in the legislature in 1871

and 1872, was a State Senator in 1885 and 1886, and again a member of the lower house in 1889, during which session he was assigned to the Committee on Judiciary.

**F**RANKLIN B. HEALD,<sup>4</sup> a prominent resident of Greenville, Hillsboro County, N.H., and for many years an influential factor in public affairs, was born in West Townsend, Mass., August 20, 1829, son of Josiah G. and Mary (Chickering) Heald. His paternal grandfather was Colonel Thomas Heald, a native of Concord, Mass. Thomas Heald and his brother Timothy purchased a tract of land in New Ipswich, N.H., and in 1770 Thomas bought Timothy's share. He erected a tavern, which he carried on for many years in connection with farming. He was a man of sterling ability and good educational attainments. He commanded the militia forces in New Ipswich and vicinity at the time of the Concord fight, and was Captain of a company at the capture of Ticonderoga and through the campaign which resulted in the surrender of General Burgoyne. He was soon after promoted to the rank of Colonel. After the close of the war he resumed agricultural pursuits in New Ipswich, and resided there until his death, which occurred August 20, 1806. By his wife, Sybil, who died in 1788, he had five children; and by his second wife, Delia Blanchard, he had four children, among whom was Josiah G. Heald, father of Franklin B.

Josiah G. Heald was born in New Ipswich, and when a young man he learned the trade of clothier. He plied his calling in Townsend for some time, and it was customary in those days for the farmers in the vicinity to bring their wool to him to be made into cloth. In 1839 he moved to Greenville, where the rest of his life was spent, and for a few years he worked in a satinet factory here. He was prominently identified with political affairs in Townsend, and ably filled some of the town offices. As a Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts he was one of the first to support a bill for the suppression of the

liquor traffic, and the cause of temperance had in him an earnest and willing advocate. He was also one of the first supporters of the abolition movement in this section. Josiah G. Heald died at the age of fifty-eight years. Liberal in his religious belief, he was a man of high moral principles and upright life, and was highly respected. His wife, Mary, was a daughter of Abner Chickering, of New Ipswich, and a sister of Jonas Chickering, the founder of the famous pianoforte manufactory which bears that name. Abner Chickering was for many years a scythe maker in Mason, now Greenville; and the entire family were musical, with the single exception of Mary. Josiah G. and Mary C. Heald were the parents of nine children, two of whom are living, namely: Franklin B., the subject of this sketch; and Edwin, who is married and has one daughter, Emma. Mrs. Mary C. Heald lived to be a little more than sixty years of age. She was a member of the Congregational church.

Franklin B. Heald resided in Townsend until he was nine years old, at which time his parents moved to Greenville, and he was educated in the common schools. At the age of seventeen he went to Manchester, N.H., where he worked for the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company a time; but failing health prevented him from remaining in that business. He spent two years travelling through the Western States for the benefit of his health, and, returning to Greenville in 1852, has resided here for the greater portion of the time since. He has interested himself in business and financial enterprises, which have profited by his ability; and he was treasurer of the Greenville Savings Bank during the first six years of its existence.

In politics he acts with the Republican party, and his public services have been of a nature to gain the esteem and confidence of all classes, irrespective of polities. He was a Selectman in Mason before the town was divided, and is still serving in that capacity in Greenville. He was appointed Postmaster in 1865, holding the office for over twelve years in Mason and Greenville, was Tax Collector two years, superintended the erection

of the town hall in 1876, and has had charge of the construction of other public works.

On April 1, 1865, Mr. Heald was joined in marriage with Mrs. Emeline E. Livingston, born Pritchard, of New Ipswich. They have one daughter, Myrtie E. Mr. Heald has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since he was twenty-one years old.

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**L**ESLIE H. GOODNOW, Postmaster and Town Treasurer of East Sullivan, Cheshire County, N.H., was born in Sullivan, July 16, 1848, son of Caleb and Mary L. (Buss) Goodnow. His grandfather, Daniel Goodnow, who was a native of Nelson, N.H., settled in Roxbury, N.H., when a young man, and there followed the business of a carpenter and builder. His last days, however, were spent in Sullivan. The maiden name of his wife was Polly Belden. Their children were: Caleb; Mary M., who married Abijah H. Raymond, a farmer and miller in Westminster, Mass., and has a family; and Lucy A., who died young.

Caleb Goodnow, father of Leslie H. Goodnow, was born in Roxbury, N.H., August 23, 1820. He was a miller and a millwright, and carried on business in Keene and Sullivan during the active period of his life. He served as a Representative in the legislature, and was Postmaster in Sullivan for a number of years. While living in Keene he was Councilman one year from Ward Two. In his religious views he was a Congregationalist. His wife, Mary L. Buss, who was a native of Marlboro, N.H., became the mother of six children, namely: Charles F.; Ella M. and a twin sister (both deceased); Leslie H., the subject of this sketch; Daniel W.; and Fanny L. Charles F. Goodnow resides in Philadelphia, and is agent for Dr. Daniel's veterinary preparations. He married Julia A. Johnson, and has two children. Ella M. was the wife of Marshall W. Nims, now of Concord, and at her death left one child. Daniel W. Goodnow, who is a member of the firm of Goodnow & Whitcomb, furniture dealers at Keene, married Ella M. Nims, of that city, and has

a family. Fanny L. Goodnow married M. W. Hubbard, a prosperous farmer of Sullivan, and has three children.

Leslie H. Goodnow completed his education at Powers Institute, Bernardston, Mass. After working at the carpenter's trade a year, he learned the milling business, which he has since followed in East Sullivan. He manufactures chair stock in connection with his other business, and is one of the stirring men of this locality. He has been Town Treasurer for the past twelve years, has rendered valuable service in behalf of education as a member of the School Board, and has satisfactorily filled the office of Postmaster for a number of terms. He is favorably known throughout the county as an excellent musician and teacher of singing-schools, is a leader of the choir at the Congregational church, and was a director of the Sullivan band and orchestra during the existence of those organizations.

Mr. Goodnow married Martha Davis, who was born October 10, 1850, daughter of Marcus Davis, of Stoddard, N.H. Mrs. Goodnow is the mother of two children: Minnie L., born December 25, 1876, who was graduated at the Keene High School, and is now teaching in Keene, N.H.; and Walter L., born July 21, 1884. Mr. Goodnow is a member of the local commandery of the United Order of the Golden Cross.

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**A**LEXANDER C. HATCH,\* superintendent of the Howard Furniture Company's manufactory, Wilton, was born in East Harvey, Vt., January 23, 1849, son of Charles P. and Lydia (Taylor) Hatch. His great-grandfather, John Hatch, Sr., who was a native of Connecticut and was a farmer and a surveyor, migrated to Vermont, and there laid out the town of Norwich, where he resided for the rest of his life.

John Hatch, Jr., grandfather of Alexander C., was born in Litchfield, Conn., and accompanied his parents to Vermont. In young manhood he engaged in agricultural pursuits in Norwich, but later became a hotel-keeper, and was prominent in the public affairs of that

town. He married a Miss Ainsworth, and had a family of nine children, of whom Charles P. was the eighth-born. John Hatch, Jr., lived to be ninety-one years old, and his wife also attained a good old age.

Their son Charles was born in Norwich and reared to agricultural pursuits. He settled upon a farm in Hardwick, Vt., where he spent his active years in tilling the soil, being known as a prosperous farmer and a useful citizen. In politics he was a Democrat. His wife, Lydia Taylor, a native of Hardwick, was the daughter of John Taylor, who commanded a company and was killed in the War of 1812. She became the mother of fourteen children, ten of whom are living; namely, Egbert B., Frances, Marshall, Emily, Florence, Clarence, Alexander C. (the subject of his sketch), George W., John, and Josephine. Egbert B. married Laura Butterfield, who died leaving two children—Luella and Lida. Frances married her cousin, Elias W. Hatch, and has five children. Marshall wedded Alma Clark, and has two sons. Emily is the wife of Harry J. Bedea, and has five children. Florence married H. M. Fretts, and has one son, Charles. Clarence married a Miss Davidson, and has four sons. George W. married a Miss Bedea, and has five children. John married Zoe Beedy, and has three children. Josephine is the wife of John Brown, and has one child. Charles P. Hatch died at the age of sixty-one years, and his wife died at the same age. She was a member of the Congregational church.

Alexander C. Hatch was educated in Hardwick; and after completing his studies he began to learn the trade of door, sash, and blind making in Burlington, Vt., remaining there for a year. He then went to Lebanon, N.H., where he was engaged in the manufacture of furniture for eleven years; and, going from Lebanon to Keene, N.H., he was general manager of ex-Governor Samuel Hale's shop for four years. For the succeeding twelve years he carried on a furniture manufactory upon his own account in Nashua, N.H.; and in 1892 he became superintendent of the Howard Furniture Company's factory in Wilton, where he has since resided. He has

under him about forty workmen, and his long experience in the business makes him especially competent to fill the responsible position he now holds.

Mr. Hatch and Mary S. Miller, of Hyde Park, Vt., were married on January 1, 1870. Eleven children have been born to them, and nine are now living; namely, Ida M., Fred C., Ernest A., George W., Charles E., Walter R., Josiah G., Florence L., and John B.

Politically, Mr. Hatch supports the Democratic party, but his assiduous devotion to his business prevents him from taking any active part in public affairs. He is deeply interested in the general welfare of the town, and is highly respected as a worthy, upright citizen. Mrs. Hatch is a member of the Baptist church.

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**E**RWIN D. WILDER, a stirring farmer of Lyndeboro, Hillsboro County, was born in the adjoining town of New Boston, October 14, 1828, son of Cyrus and Nancy (Erwin) Wilder. His paternal grandfather, John Wilder, who resided in Dublin, N.H., was for a number of years engaged in teaming between that town and Boston. He died in Dublin at the age of forty-six years, having been the father of nine children, Cyrus being the sixth child.

Cyrus Wilder, father of Erwin D., was born in Dublin in October, 1790. In his earlier mature years he followed the carpenter's trade in Vermont and in New York State; and after his marriage he settled in New Boston, where he was engaged in his calling for the rest of his life. He lived to be sixty-six years old. He served in the War of 1812, and was in the battle of Plattsburg. In politics he was a Democrat. He and his wife, Nancy Erwin, who was a daughter of David Erwin, of New York State, reared seven children, of whom four are living, namely: James M.; Alfred C.; Erwin D., the subject of this sketch; and William W. Alfred C. married Naomi McConihe, of Mont Vernon, N.H.; and has four children—Fred, Walter, George, and Harry. William W. wedded for his first wife Mary Flanders, of Newton, N.H., and by that union has three children—Flanders,

Lizzie, and Mary. For his second wife he married Mrs. Frances Page Kent, of Kingston, N.H. Mrs. Nancy E. Wilder lived to be ninety years old. She was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Erwin D. Wilder grew to manhood in New Boston, and at the age of seventeen began to learn the carpenter's trade, working with his father. In 1857 he settled in Lyndeboro, where he continued to follow his trade until about two years ago. Soon after settling here he bought seventy-five acres of land, to which he has since added fifty acres; and he is now devoting his time exclusively to agricultural pursuits.

On January 11, 1854, Mr. Wilder married Sarah E. Kendall, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Messer) Kendall, of Dunstable, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Wilder have four sons, as follows: Alfred E., Charles F., Arthur W., and William C. Alfred E. married Lotta Andrews, of New Boston, and has one daughter, Mary E. Charles F. wedded Mary F. Whittier, of Newton, N.H., and has three children - Howard E., Mabel E., and Wallace W. Arthur W. married Claire E. Peaslee, of Newton, and his children are: Erwin S. and Esther W. William C. married Adria A. Holt, of Lyndeboro, and has no children.

Politically, Mr. Wilder is a Democrat, and he served with ability as a Selectman in 1895. He and his wife have been connected with the Lyndeboro Grange for the past twenty years, and he has held various offices of trust. Mrs. Wilder is a member of the Congregational church.

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**T**HOMAS H. WHITE, one of the most active business men in Harrisville, was born in Marlboro, N.H., May 22, 1830, son of Thomas and Lucretia B. (Lewis) White. The family ancestry is traced to William White, the "Mayflower" Pilgrim, and directly to Peregrine White, distinguished in history as the first white child born in the Plymouth Colony. The first ancestor to settle in Cheshire County was William White, a native of Bolton, Mass., and a rope-maker by trade. He located in Marlboro, which has

been the birthplace of five generations of the family. Thomas White (first), the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, and a life-long resident of Marlboro, cultivated the homestead farm during his active period. Of an even and kindly disposition, he won the sincere admiration of his neighbors, and was never known to have an enemy. He married Rebecca Metcalf, daughter of Asa Metcalf, who was a native of Roxbury, N.H., and a Revolutionary soldier. One of her children died in infancy. The others were: Lorenzo, Sophia, Thomas, and Rebecca. Lorenzo was an industrious farmer of Marlboro, and the father of twelve children. Sophia, who married Luther Converse for her first husband and Samuel Blodgett for her second, had four children by her first union. Rebecca married for her first husband Edmund Needham and for her second Luke Blodgett.

Thomas White (second), Thomas H. White's father, was born at the homestead, January 2, 1818. When a young man he was in business in Montreal, Canada, for a time, after which he returned to Marlboro, purchased the homestead, and became a prosperous farmer, owning five hundred acres. For about twenty-five years he was a travelling salesman. He was Tax Collector of Marlboro a number of years. A man of high principles, he was one of the first in this town to support the cause of abolition, and he was an earnest advocate of temperance. He was a member of the Methodist church and a liberal contributor toward the support of religious and charitable work. His last years were devoted to compiling the White Genealogy, a work of nearly four hundred pages, the proof of which he lived to see. He died November 22, 1895. His wife, Lucretia, was born February 5, 1816, daughter of John and Lucretia (Bemis) Lewis, of Roxbury, N.H. She became the mother of twelve children, born as follows: Thomas Herbert, the subject of this biography; Homer Edwin, June 12, 1840; Asa Metcalf, November 17, 1841; Rodolphus Isaiah, May 11, 1843; Arthur Amasa, November 22, 1846; Sarah Angeline, January 24, 1849; John Milton, January 7, 1850; Ashley Newell, August 2, 1851; Augustus A., October 23,

1852; Leslie Leman, May 21, 1854; Sarah Angeline (second), March 29, 1856; and Mary Clough, November 8, 1858. Homer E. is in the insurance business in Boston, and resides in Malden, Mass. He married Abbie Ellis, and has one son, a dentist, who married, has one son, and also resides in Malden. Asa M., who served in the late war, received in the battle of Williamsburg a severe wound, from which he never fully recovered, and died May 4, 1891. He wedded Mary J. Knight, and left two children—Homer A. and Bertrand A. Rodolphus I. died in the army, December 20, 1861. Arthur A. died at the age of eighteen years and six months. Sarah (first) died at the age of six weeks, and Augustus A. died aged four months. John M., who is a salesman residing in Lowell, Mass., married for his first wife Etta S. Smith, of Marlboro, N.H. They had an adopted son, Harry Herbert, who married Cora A. Dustin. They have three children, and reside on the old homestead. John M. White married for his second wife Mrs. Emma Dustin, of Lowell, Mass., who has two children—Cora and George. Ashley N. White, who is overseer in a mill at Marlboro, married Julia E. Clark, and has four children—Arthur N., Perley C., Ruby T., and Ethel Lucretia. Leslie L., who is a prosperous farmer of Marlboro, married Hattie Knight, and is the father of seven children—Grace H., Lewis A., Winfred L., L. Blanche, Ernest D., Bernard, and Hazel M. Sarah A. (second), who resides in Marlboro, has been twice married, and her first husband was Lucius Ormsby. She is now the wife of George W. Shattuck, and has two children—George A. and Forest L. Mary C. is the widow of Frederick T. Jewett, late of Harrisville, and has three children—Mamie L., Ethelyn L., and Fred T. Mrs. Lucretia White died August 14, 1876.

Thomas H. White completed his education at the New Hampshire Conference Seminary in Tilton, and for some time after was a travelling salesman. He was engaged in the pottery business in the early sixties, and for a year and more manufactured woodenware. He next took a position in the freight department of the Cheshire Railroad in Keene. This he

held until taken down with typhoid fever. Not recovering strength after four months, he gave up the situation. Then, purchasing a farm in Marlboro, he was engaged in tilling the soil for some time, until he resumed his former occupation of salesman. After travelling in the interest of a nursery for ten years, he engaged in that business upon his own account, and profitably carried it on for a number of years. In politics Mr. White is a Republican. One of the most active workers in the local party organization, he has been a member of the Republican Club for the past thirty years. For five years he served as a member of the Board of Selectmen, and he has been a Justice of the Peace for some time. When proposed as a candidate for the legislature, he lacked but four votes of election. He is a Royal Arch Mason and an advanced Odd Fellow; and he is connected with the Improved Order of Red Men, the Knights of Honor, the Knights of Pythias, the Patrons of Husbandry, and several minor organizations. He is a charter member and was the Second Master of Silver Lake Grange; and he was the First Master of Cheshire County Pomona Grange for two years and Lecturer for one year. While serving as Deputy, he has organized and reorganized seventy-three subordinate granges, and assisted in the organization of six Pomona Granges.

Mr. White married Fidie E. Bancroft, who was born in Nelson, N.H., June 15, 1839. She was a daughter of Joel and Julia Bancroft, who were lifelong residents of the town. Mrs. White has had two children: Leslie R., born August 16, 1864, who died March 13, 1889; and Bertha C., born May 22, 1870, who is a school teacher and assisted her grandfather in the work of the White Genealogy.

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**D**R. WILLIAM C. BARRETT,\* the popular dentist of Winchester, N.H., well known throughout Cheshire County, was born in Hinsdale, on July 14, 1837, son of John and Sybil (Doolittle) Barrett. His grandfather, Captain John Barrett, was a native of Hinsdale; but before the War of 1812 he had removed to

Canada. Upon the breaking out of hostilities he was given the choice between taking up arms against the States and leaving Canada. A loyal patriot, he refused to fight against his native land, and exchanged his fine farm for a horse and team, with which he conveyed his family and few household goods to the States. He died at Hinsdale. He and his wife, who was a Miss Leach before marriage, had a large family of children.

John Barrett, above named, one of their sons, followed the river as his father had done, running a line of boats between Bellows Falls and Hartford. His wife, Sybil, was descended from the famous Rev. Benjamin Doolittle, who was such a prominent figure in the early history of Northfield, Mass. The Doolittle family is said to be of Norman French extraction, and to have gone to England with William the Conqueror. Its representatives early came to America, and descendants of these pioneers have been among the leading and progressive men of New England. The Rev. Benjamin, who was the great-great-grandfather of Dr. Barrett's mother, was pastor of the church in Northfield from 1718 to 1748 or 1749. He was a native of Wallingfield, Conn., and was graduated at Yale in 1716. Not only was he educated for the ministry, but he had a good knowledge of medicine and surgery, and in time came to have an extensive practice, people going to consult him from long distances.

After seventeen years of his pastorate had elapsed, a feeling of disaffection arose among certain of his parishioners, who claimed that he inclined toward Arminianism. Although this breach was afterward healed and the good man reinstated in the regard of his beloved parish, it created great disturbance at the time. Only last year a letter written by the Rev. Mr. Doolittle to three members of his church, suggesting ways in which an adjustment of the trouble might be secured, was found, and brought to light for the first time. Written over one hundred and fifty years ago, it is of curious interest at the present day. Mr. Doolittle was a man of liberal views and seemingly far ahead of the spirit of his times.

From the Rev. Benjamin to Captain Otis Doolittle, father of Mrs. Barrett, the descent is through Lucius and Oliver. Oliver came to Hinsdale among the early settlers, and became very prominent in the town. His wife was Sybil Field, of Northfield. Captain Otis Doolittle, a farmer, who was born in 1770, and died in 1854, was quite a military man, and was a leader in both church and town affairs. His wife was Sophia, daughter of William Shattuck, descended from a well-known family. She was married when only thirteen years and three months old, and before her twentieth birthday was the mother of five children. She lived to be eighty-seven years of age. Captain Otis was a Democrat. He was called the wealthiest man in Hinsdale in his time, and was the largest land-owner in the county. The will, which he dictated when old and feeble, and which covers sixteen pages of foolscap, is considered a remarkable instrument. Sybil, mother of Dr. Barrett, was the fifth child of Captain Doolittle. John and Sybil Barrett were the parents of three children; namely, Sylvanus O., John A., and William C. Sylvanus died leaving one son, since deceased, and a daughter. His wife was Sabrina Caswell, of Montague, Mass. John A. married Clara Thayer, and resides in Erving, Mass., engaged in the lumber business. He runs three and sometimes four portable mills.

William C. Barrett was educated in the public schools of Hinsdale, N.H. He assisted at farm labor until 1859, and then went West and spent some time at Battle Creek, Mich., and in Illinois. In 1863 he returned to Winchester and took up the study of dentistry with Dr. Ira W. Russell, who was in practice in Winchester. After studying for two years he began practice for himself. He was in Montague, Mass., for five years and in Hinsdale for three years. Dr. Barrett has unusual inventive and constructive genius. The quality of work done in his office in filling, extracting, or in artificial make, is always excellent. Probably no dentist has ever had so large a share of the patronage of the people here as Dr. Barrett; and not only are the people of the town sensible of the value of his work, but his

renown has gone abroad, and patients come to him from long distances. As his eyesight is not now as good as it has been, he now leaves some of the finer work to his son Clinton, who is in company with him.

Dr. Barrett married Ellen C., daughter of Jacob Rich, who was a miller, one of the typical New England kind and a most worthy man. The Doctor and his wife have one son, Clinton H., named above, and have been bereft of two daughters: Addie E., who was born May 2, 1864, and died on April 19, 1884; and Effie G., who was born January 27, 1875, and died on December 27, 1894, each aged twenty years lacking one month. Clinton Barrett, who was born March 9, 1866, is, like his father, endowed with remarkable mechanical genius, and is also a fine mathematician. He prepared for college at Winchester High School and subsequently entered Dartmouth. While he was on his third year there his sister Addie died, and her loss was such a grief to him that he gave up his studies for a time and decided to go into business life. He had previously intended to study engineering. Later he studied dentistry with his father, and was admitted to the practice of that profession in the State of New Hampshire by examination. For a time he did designing and pattern-making, but subsequently came back to Winchester; and since January 18, 1894, he has been settled here. Some years ago he invented a miller's platform, such as is now used all over the country; but not having sufficient capital at that time he did not develop it. Fifteen years later some one else used a like model. He has used with flattering success the hypodermic process for the painless extraction of teeth. Patrons have even come from New Haven to have teeth extracted, and in this way the reputation of both father and son has been widely extended and their practice greatly increased. The best people in Winchester and the surrounding country are their patrons. Dr. Clinton Barrett also makes a specialty of very nice and finished artificial work. Dr. Clinton Barrett married Katie B. Doolittle, and has had three children—Alice Addie; an infant who died at the age of sixteen months; and Max Clinton. He is a member of the

Order of the Golden Cross, and is Senior Warden of Philesian Lodge, No. 40, F. & A. M.

Dr. William C. Barrett is a young man for his age. He has been Master of Philesian Lodge twice, and is still active in that body. In polities he is a Republican, and was a member of the State convention that nominated Governor Sawyer. The Doctor is a great reader, and never happier than when indulging in the perusal of one of his favorite books. He has a well-selected library, and it is by far the largest in town.

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**S**AMUEL ANDERSON,\* of Peterboro, N.H., well known as a builder, not only in Hillsboro County but throughout the New England States, was born in New York City, March 14, 1845. His parents, William and Sarah (Anderson) Anderson, were both born in Scotland. His father, who was a shoemaker by trade, died at the age of thirty-five years; and his mother, long surviving her husband, lived to her seventy-third year, the latter part of her life being spent at Peterboro. Of her five children three are now living, namely: Sarah J., wife of Charles Chaplin; John, who married Martha Johnson; and Samuel, of Peterboro, above named.

Samuel Anderson went to school in New York City, and then worked in a cotton-mill in Massachusetts, and afterward learned the carpenter's trade at Shirley, Mass., where he resided till 1875. Going to Clinton, Mass., in that year, he there worked at his trade, being employed by the Lancaster Mills Corporation for sixteen years, or up to 1891. While doing this, he was also for two years managing contract work and building outside the mill, devoting some time to architectural wood-work. In 1892 Mr. Anderson came to Peterboro, opened a shop, and began taking contract work. He has built many public buildings as well as private residences, among them being the asylum and superintendent's house at Goffstown for the county of Hillsboro and a school-house for the town of Henniker. At present he is engaged in building a school-house at South Framingham, Mass., and vari-

ous other structures in different parts of the New England States. Since coming to Peterboro, Mr. Anderson's son has been in partnership with him, the firm name being S. Anderson & Son. In the shop they employ about twelve workmen, and the outside force numbers about forty more.

In 1866 Mr. Anderson was married to Annie J. Cunningham, of Lowell, Mass. Four children have been born to them, two of whom are living: Archibald M., who married Gertrude Martin, of Peterboro, and is in business with his father; and Harry C.

In politics Mr. Anderson is a Democrat. He has always been interested in the public and social life of the town in which he has lived. While in Clinton he was engineer of the Fire Department for two years and Road Commissioner for three years, and while at the Lancaster Mills he was foreman of the construction department of all the buildings. He is a member of Lancaster Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 89, and has passed through all the chairs. He is also a member of the encampment in Peterboro. Through his own industry and push Mr. Anderson has attained business prosperity, and as a man of unimpeachable integrity he enjoys the confidence and esteem of an extended circle of acquaintances.

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**A**LBERT BEARD, a well-to-do citizen of Wilton, Hillsboro County, now retired from active business, was born in Boston, Mass., January 31, 1841, son of Luke and Hannah W. (Perkins) Beard. The father was a resident of the New England metropolis, where he established, and for many years carried on, a successful bottling business, which was located on Howard Street, near the old Howard Theatre. He had a summer residence at Wilton, and he died leaving a large estate. His wife, Hannah, was a daughter of Mark D. Perkins, of Mont Vernon, N.H. They had five children, of whom but two are now living: Albert, the subject of this sketch; and Emily, wife of Nathan B. Boutwell, of Cambridge, Mass., who has one child, Horace K.

Albert Beard attended school in Cambridge,

Mass., until reaching the age of thirteen years, when he accompanied his mother to Wilton, N.H., his father having died some time previously. His studies were completed at the Appleton Academy at Mont Vernon. After a period of some years, during which he was variously employed, he engaged in the boot and shoe business in Nashua, in which he was so successful that at the end of ten years he found himself in a position to retire with a competence. He now occupies his father's old residence in Wilton, which with the accompanying grounds constitutes a fine estate. Mr. Beard was married January 3, 1865, to Miss Jennie L. Williams, daughter of Bradford Williams, of Taunton, Mass. He has one daughter—Stella Pratt, who was born in Milford, N.H. Mr. Beard is a member of Clinton Lodge, F. & A. M., of Wilton; and of Penacook Lodge, No. 44, I. O. O. F., of Nashua, of which he was formerly treasurer. He is one of the most respected residents of the town, as he is one who can always be depended upon to perform his full duty as a man and as a citizen.

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**J**AMES PIERCE,\* the superintendent of the Cheshire Woollen Mill of Harrisville, was born in Salem, Mass., June 4, 1846, son of Leonard and Mary (Oakes) Pierce. His grandfather, Leonard Pierce, who at one time was a resident of New Bedford, Mass., moved from there to Amherst, Mass. Leonard was the father of four children; namely, Lorin, Leonard, Lydia, and La Prelat. Leonard, Jr., a native of Bedford, Mass., born in 1822, was reared and educated in Amherst, Mass., and learned the wheelwright's trade. After residing in Salem for a time, he returned to Amherst, where he was engaged in the grocery business until his retirement, which took place some ten years ago. He has long been active in both the political and religious affairs of Amherst, and he is a Deacon of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, Mary, who was born in Salem in 1822, daughter of John Oakes, became the mother of two children—James and Clara. Clara, a native of Salem, born in May, 1854, married Henry W.

Warren, of Amherst, Mass., and has two children—Walter and Harry.

James Pierce acquired his education in the schools of Salem and Amherst. When his studies were completed, he entered a cotton-mill in Brookfield, Mass., with the view of learning the trade. Subsequently, not liking the business, he sought other employment, and for about three years worked in a woollen-mill near Fitchburg, Mass. He followed the same occupation in Holyoke, Mass., for a year, was employed in Connecticut some three years, and then in Dedham, Mass., for seven years. He was later connected with mills in Delaware and Virginia; was for two years agent for the Knowles Loom Works of Worcester, Mass.; and held a responsible position in a large woollen-mill in Tennessee for five years. About the year 1892 he came to Harrisville as superintendent of the Cheshire Mill. Since taking charge of this enterprise, he has introduced various improvements, including better machinery and the construction of a new dam, thereby making the Cheshire one of the most successful factories of its size in the country.

Mr. Pierce married Emily M. White, who died leaving two children—Waterman J. and Julia. Julia resides with her father in Harrisville. Waterman J. Pierce, born in Salem, Mass., May 1, 1865, was educated in Dedham and Boston, and learned the woollen manufacturing business under the direction of his father. He has been superintendent of mills in Westerly, R.I., and Pittsfield, Me., and is now assistant superintendent of the Cheshire Mill. He married Frances McCrosson, who was born in Chester, Pa., in September, 1866, and has three children—Ivy Frances, Margaret E., and Gordon. Mr. Pierce, Sr., and his son are Republicans in politics.

**S**AMUEL B. BLOOD,<sup>4</sup> a well-known farmer of Hollis and one of the most highly respected citizens of the town, was born in the old Bay State at Charlestown, December 12, 1822, son of James and Mary (Jones) Blood. Mr. Blood's grandfather was Peter Blood, born in

Dunstable, Mass., a sturdy, active man and one held in universal esteem. He died at the age of eighty years. His son James, father of Mr. Samuel Blood, was born at Dunstable, and was for many years a cooper in that town. He was a large hearted man, devoted to his family, and always interested in any good cause. Seven of his eight children grew to maturity, and two of them are now living; namely, Samuel and Orville T.

The boyhood of Samuel Blood was spent in his father's family at Dunstable, Mass., where he attended the common schools and gathered such knowledge as might be obtained from them. When about sixteen years of age he came to Hollis, and here the active part of his life has been passed. At first he worked out for different farmers, his labors in the fields varying with the successive seasons; also for some time he was engaged in burning charcoal, which then was quite an industry. He was always thrifty as well as industrious; and, early determining to own some day a home of his own, he constantly kept this end in view. The first land he invested in was a forty-four-acre lot in Hollis. This he afterward sold, and bought in its place the land upon which he now lives. This was in 1855. Mr. Blood's farm now embraces one hundred acres; and he has placed it in a good state of cultivation, also raising general farm and garden produce. He has worked hard, and has every year been making improvements on the farm. In 1855 Mr. Blood brought his bride to the new home. She was before her marriage a Miss Sally Wheeler, and was a native of this town. Her parents were Amos and Mary (Rideout) Wheeler. Mr. and Mrs. Blood have four children, three sons and one daughter, namely: Mary E., of Hollis; Charles M., of Pepperell; Fred C. and William J., both of Hollis.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Blood are devoted members of the Congregational Church of Hollis. In political principles Mr. Blood is a Democrat. The success in life of men of this stamp, who carve out for themselves positions of influence and respect in the community in which they live, forms a valuable object lesson to the younger men who are coming up, and

must always be to them a source of inspiration and courage.

**G**ORDON WOODBURY is a native of New York State, and was born in New York City, September 17, 1803. Mr. Woodbury's father was born in Bedford, and lived there during early life. Dr. Peter Perkins Woodbury settled there in 1820 on what was known as the Rowe place. Later he moved nearer to the centre of the town.

Freeman P. Woodbury was a business man in New York City, and carried on a large export trade. He retired from business about 1880. After his retirement he spent a large part of his time in Bedford. Mr. Woodbury died in New York City in 1886. His widow resides in Bedford now. Her four children are: Dr. John Woodbury, a physician in New York; Helen, wife of Dr. W. S. Seamans, of New York; Mr. Gordon Woodbury and his brother Thornton, who is associated with him in the management of the Manchester Union. Mr. Woodbury's wife was, before her marriage, Miss Charlotte E. Woodbury.

[Autobiog.]

**C**HARLES B. HOPKINS,<sup>\*</sup> one of the foremost citizens of Hinsdale, N.H., was born in the neighboring town of Chesterfield on May 16, 1855, his parents being Richard Henry and Ellen M. (Newton) Hopkins. His great-grandfather, Richard Hopkins, was a resident of Chesterfield as early as 1787. He was a farmer by occupation and a man highly respected. He married Lucy Fairbanks, a relative of the noted scale manufacturers. She died on October 23, 1855, aged eighty-three years. Their children were named as follows: Jonathan, Richard, Rufus, Henry, Lucy, Caroline, Weston, Betsey H., Thornton, Samuel F., and Elliot B.

Richard (second), grandfather of Mr. Charles Hopkins, was born on May 1, 1793, and died on January 26, 1864. He was a lifelong resident of Chesterfield, and was engaged for some years in the manufacture of wheel heads

at Factory Village. His brothers, Elliot P. and Samuel F., were also engaged for a time in the same industry, and were among the first to manufacture these articles. Richard Hopkins, second, was a very enterprising man, and took an active part in public affairs, serving as Selectman. He died in 1864; and his wife, Emeline, daughter of Reuben Lewis, died on March 11, 1877. Their children were: Harriet F., Emeline L., Sarah W., and Richard Henry.

Richard Henry Hopkins, born on May 9, 1831, resided in Chesterfield until 1870, when he removed to Hinsdale. Ambitious and energetic, early in life he decided to become a mechanic. He served an apprenticeship with Newhall & Merrill at Hinsdale, and had mastered the trade before he reached his twenty-first birthday. His father and uncles had been engaged in manufacturing for some time; and, as Factory Village was an enterprising place, he returned to Chesterfield, and began the manufacture of bits and augers, which proved to be a successful venture. For a while he was in company with Benjamin Pierce. He subsequently formed a partnership with Horace Howe for the purpose of making doors, window sashes, and blinds. In 1870 he returned to Hinsdale, and in company with George S. Wilder engaged in the manufacture of chisels and carpenter's tools. Two years later this partnership was dissolved, as Mr. Hopkins thought he saw a better opening for business. He went into company with George C. Fisk, and started the business of which his son is now the well-known agent. This undertaking prospered, and its founders received rich returns for their intelligent expenditure of capital and of effort.

Richard H. Hopkins married Ellen M. Newton, who was born on October 20, 1831. She died on September 26, 1875, having been the mother of the following-named children: Charles B.; Isabel, who died on September 6, 1858; Herbert H.; Hattie E., who died on August 18, 1865; Clara E.; and George C. Herbert is in the creamery business in Illinois. George C. was for some time teller in the First National Bank at Greenfield, Mass.; but since June, 1897, he has been

in company with his brother Herbert in the creamery business, which is in a highly prosperous condition. The father was honored by his fellow-townersmen with election to various positions of responsibility. He was Selectman of Chesterfield in 1858 and 1859, and Representative in 1865 and 1866. Any call for assistance which reached him was met with a ready response, and he was most generous in helping forward any worthy cause. He and his wife were faithful leading members of the Congregational church, in their lives exemplifying their belief that the prosperity of the church depends in large measure upon the ready support its members give it, both morally and financially. Mr. Richard H. Hopkins died on February 21, 1877.

Charles B. Hopkins, having profited by all the instruction that could be obtained in the common schools of Chesterfield and Hinsdale, went into the paper-mill to work under his father, and soon became familiar with all the details of the business. Shortly after, his father died; and Mr. Fisk, being for a while sole proprietor of the business, recognized the young man's business capacity, and appointed him agent for the concern. Since Mr. Hopkins has thus been officially connected with the manufactory, it has more than doubled its output, and the quality of the goods produced has kept pace with the increase in quantity. Few people are, perhaps, aware that there are almost as many varieties of paper as there are of textile fabrics, and that they differ as widely in weight, strength, and utility, the demand for some kinds being almost unlimited, while others, used for special purposes, are almost unknown to the general public. Tissue papers are more or less familiar to every one; but it is not so generally known that the productions of different manufacturers differ greatly in quality, some being of uniformly superior merit as regards texture, strength, beauty, and evenness of coloring, while others are quite the reverse. The fine manilla tissue papers made by the Fisk Paper Company are conceded by the consumers of the trade to rank second to none; and, as the company have facilities which enable them to fill orders promptly, and quote the lowest market rates,

it is not surprising that their productions should be in great demand. The company operate a complete plant of the most improved machinery, and employ twelve or fifteen workmen. Their trade in the United States extends to California; and orders are received chiefly by mail, as the manufacturers sell direct to the retail trade. Mr. Fisk resides at Brightwood, Mass., and devotes most of his time to looking after the interests of the Wason Manufacturing Company, of which he is president. He makes only occasional visits to Hinsdale to keep in touch with the business here. Hence it is evident that its great success in recent years has been due almost entirely to the able management of Mr. Hopkins.

Mr. Hopkins is prominently identified with the social interests of Hinsdale, and is a well-known Republican. He is not an aspirant for political office, but has served on the School Board for six years, and was a member of the Constitutional Convention. He has also been on the Republican State Committee, and has taken part in numerous State and county conventions. Through his efforts the last Senatorial Convention was held in Hinsdale. Mr. Hopkins inherits a generous nature from his father. Any good cause finds always in him a warm champion; and he is ever ready to contribute for public celebrations, athletic sports, or other public movements. He is an active Mason, and is a member of the commandery and chapter at Keene, of Aleppo Shrine, Boston, also of the Red Men and Foresters of America.

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**W**INTHROP KNIGHT,\* a venerable resident of Troy, Cheshire County, N.H., long in business as a carpenter and wheelwright, was born in Sudbury, Mass., September 9, 1816, and comes of old Massachusetts stock. His father, Joel Knight, who was the son of John, and was a farmer and miller of Sudbury, served in the War of 1812, being stationed at Fort Hill, Boston. He died at the age of forty years. By his wife, formerly Betsey Gibbs, of Framingham, he had fourteen children, twins

having been born to them three times. The only survivors of this large family are William, Betsey, and Winthrop. William Knight lives in Minnesota, and Betsey in Springfield, Vt.

Winthrop Knight first went to school in Sudbury, and was eight years old when he came to Cheshire County, New Hampshire, to live with a man in Dublin, where he remained for six years. He then learned the shoemaker's trade, and afterward did shop carpenter's work, such as making sashes and doors, also wheelwright work. Opening a shop in Troy in 1839, he has here carried on business ever since. He has added a grist-mill to his place, has repaired his house and built a new shop, and also built his own water-power since he came here. He married first, April 7, 1840, Lydia Fuller. One of their children, a daughter, Frances E., died in infancy; a son, Arthur P., married Ella Wright, and has two children—Ralph and Mildred. Mr. Knight married for his second wife Mrs. Betsy Clark Starkey. By a previous marriage the present Mrs. Knight has two children—Mary J. Haskell and Warren B. Starkey. Mr. and Mrs. Knight are connected with the Baptist church. Mr. Knight has always been an active business man, is now one of the few survivors of a past generation, and is revered by all his townspeople. A decade or two ago he knew every resident in this vicinity. He is a Republican in politics, his first Presidential vote having been cast in 1840 for the successful Whig candidate, William Henry Harrison.



**H**ARRIS HALE,\* one of the best known residents of Rindge, was born in this town, August 10, 1813, son of Emerson and Jennie (Foster) Hale. He is a descendant in the sixth generation of Captain Thomas Hale, who was born in Newbury, Mass., February 11, 1658, and appears to have enjoyed considerable distinction, as he served as a Civil Magistrate for many years. Captain Thomas Hale was also a man of means; and his name is found among those of the early proprietors of Lunen-

burg, as having purchased a lot of land in that town for his son, Joshua. He married Sarah Northend, daughter of Ezekiel and Edna (Lambert) Northend. Their son, Moses Hale, first, was born in Newbury in 1702. He married Elizabeth Wheeler, daughter of Jethro and Hannah (France) Wheeler; and they resided in Rowley, Mass. Moses Hale, second, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Rowley, February 18, 1731. He was one of the early settlers in Hampstead, N.H., but later moved to Rindge, where he became prominent in public affairs. He was a Selectman in 1772, was elected Coroner of Cheshire County in July, 1776, and was afterward County Treasurer. He died March 2, 1799. The maiden name of his wife was Abigail Emerson. Moses Hale, third, Harris Hale's grandfather, was born about the year 1760. In 1777 he joined General Stark's brigade, with which he fought in the Revolutionary War; and after his discharge from the army he became a prosperous farmer in Rindge. He was twice married. His first wife was in maidenhood Sibyl Adams, of Chelmsford, Mass.; and his second, before her union with him, was Mrs. Sibyl Howe Sawtell.

Emerson Hale, Harris Hale's father, was born March 20, 1783, and was a lifelong and prominent resident of Rindge, being for many years a prosperous merchant in the middle village. His wife, Jennie Foster Hale, became the mother of five children; namely, John F., Moody, Ruby, Jemima, and Harris. John F. and Moody are now deceased.

Harris Hale was educated in the schools of his native town, and began active life as a farmer. He also carried on lumbering operations for several years, and at one time owned considerable land, but has in recent years disposed of his real estate. He had charge of the town farm for a number of years, and as a business man has been both active and successful. He has been frequently elected to important town offices, in which his ability and integrity were exercised to the advantage of the community; and his public services have been appreciated by his fellow-towns-men. In politics he is a Democrat, and cast

his first Presidential vote for Martin Van Buren. Mr. Hale married Eliza Kimball, and has no children.

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**E**DWIN L. WELLINGTON,<sup>1</sup> an enterprising farmer and business man of Rindge, was born in this town, June 29, 1860, son of Ivers and Mary (Townsend) Wellington. His grandfather was Liberty Wellington, of Ashby, Mass.; and he is a descendant of Roger Wellington, one of the early settlers of Watertown.

Ivers Wellington, Edwin L. Wellington's father, was born in Ashby, January 12, 1812. He was a farmer and a lumberman, and resided in Rindge from 1857 until his death, which occurred when he was eighty years old. As a man of excellent business ability and sound judgment his opinion and advice were frequently solicited both in public and private matters, and his upright character was recognized and appreciated by his fellow-townsmen. Mary Townsend Wellington, his wife, whom he married January 6, 1857, was a daughter of Joshua Townsend. She became the mother of two sons—Cyrus W.; and Edwin L., the subject of this sketch.

Edwin L. Wellington attended the common and high schools; and, after completing his studies, he turned his attention to agriculture. He was for some time superintendent of the farm belonging to the Cheshire Improvement Company. The winter of 1882 and 1883 he spent in Florida. Becoming associated with his father in farming and lumbering, he took charge of the estate after the elder Wellington's death; and in 1891 he bought of O. D. Converse the mill which he is now operating.

On December 23, 1885, Mr. Wellington was united in marriage with Emma A. Wellington, daughter of Cecil and Eunice (Shepard) Wellington. Previous to her marriage Mrs. Wellington was a successful school teacher. She has been the mother of five children, three of whom are living; namely, Lila S., Mary E., and Olive E. The two deceased are Mark E., who was drowned July 28, 1897; and Thursa, who died in infancy.

Mr. Wellington has always declined to ac-

cept public office. When requested to become a member of the School Board in 1892, he proposed his wife as being better qualified for the position; and Mrs. Wellington was elected, and is now serving her second term of three years. She is a member of the Congregational church. Mr. Wellington is Master of Marshall P. Wilder Grange, No. 134, Patrons of Husbandry, of which his wife also is a member. In politics he is a Republican, and cast his first Presidential vote for James G. Blaine in 1884.

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**A**LBERT L. RUSSELL,<sup>1</sup> of Harrisville, Cheshire County, an expert electrician and formerly a member of the Western Electric Company, was born in this town, July 16, 1844, son of James and Annie P. (Mason) Russell. His grandfather was Jonathan Russell, a native of Roxbury, N.H., who passed much of his life in Harrisville, and was the father of two sons—Lyman and James.

James Russell, father of Albert L., was born in Harrisville in 1812. He was engaged in farming and contracting, and his upright character and amiable disposition made for him many friends. Quiet and unassuming, he avoided public life, preferring to devote his entire energy to his private business affairs. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and sang in the choir for many years. He married Annie P. Mason, who was born in Harrisville in 1824, a daughter of Samuel Mason. She became the mother of five children, as follows: Calista, who married Samuel D. Bemis, of this town; Albert L., the subject of this sketch; Edward G., who died at the age of twenty-one years; Edson, who died at twenty-three; and Adney, who resides in Harrisville. James Russell died in 1858; and his wife survived him thirty-five years, dying in 1893.

Albert L. Russell was educated in the schools of Harrisville and Dublin, this county, and after finishing his studies was for a short time engaged in farming. About the year 1863 he went to Boston, where he became connected with the manufacture of electrical

appliances, and acquired a thorough knowledge of electrical science. He had much to do with the manufacture of the first telephone instruments under the Bell patents, and was employed in the construction of the first experimental line, which ran from the factory to the residence of Mr. Charles Williams, in Somerville. About 1883 he became a member of the Western Electric Company, which manufacture the Bell Telephone instruments, and have offices in Chicago, New York, and Berlin. He remained with that concern until about four years ago, when he retired, and has since resided in Harrisville. He owns and cultivates a good farm, and also operates a saw-mill.

Mr. Russell married Emma F. Williams, who was born in Somerville, Mass., in 1842, a daughter of Charles Williams. Mrs. Russell has had three children: Grace, who died at the age of six years; Edward G., who resides at home; and Percy, who married Gertrude Derby, and has one child. Percy Russell resides in Harrisville. Mr. Russell is a member of the Royal Arcanum. He attends the Universalist church.



**N**ATHAN GRAY WOODBURY,<sup>4</sup> for a number of years one of Cheshire County's most energetic and successful business men and manufacturers, was born in Augusta, Me., April 16, 1823, and died at his home in Keene, December 28, 1896. He was the eldest son of Nathan and Clarinda (Whitney) Woodbury. When he was about three years old, the family removed to Massachusetts, where they remained until 1834, when they settled on a farm in Rindge, Cheshire County, N.H. On reaching the age of nineteen years, young Nathan purchased his time of his father, and went to Winchendon, where he worked on a farm until attaining his majority. He then learned the trade of box-making with Edwin Parks, of that place, and subsequently went into that business in company with his brother-in-law, Samuel Page, at Fitzwilliam, this county. Although beginning with but a small amount of capital, the venture proved

a success. At the end of nine months Mr. Woodbury became the active proprietor, Mr. Page, however, still retaining a financial interest in the concern.

In 1847, at the age of twenty-four, Mr. Woodbury went to Richmond, where he bought the Enos Holbrook trip-hammer shop, upon a water-power about two miles from the Four Corners, on the road to Winchendon. An old farm-house was included in the purchase. The shop was rigged over into a saw-mill; and Mr. Woodbury got men and teams, and began clearing off a wood lot, cutting up the timber and manufacturing pails. He boarded his men, doing the cooking and washing himself, drove one of his teams, and always made it a point to haul as many or more loads every day himself than were drawn by any man he hired. In due time he built quite a large saw-mill and pail factory on the pond, which he carried on until 1870. He was successful in business, and before long became known as a man who had money to lend. In that way he was able to help many of his fellow-townsmen during the war, when funds were scarce. Soon after coming to Richmond he married Angelia Bryant, of that town, who died July 16, 1894. They had one son, who lived to be eleven years of age.

In 1870 Mr. Woodbury moved to Keene, and bought the old Page mill on upper Washington Street, where he began making pails, afterward extending his shops from time to time. He built a large two-story shop, and equipped it with a full line of machinery for the manufacture of furniture soon after coming to Keene; and this he carried on until it was destroyed by fire in 1875. Mr. Woodbury's loss was about ten thousand dollars. He carried no insurance.

Soon after the fire he formed a copartnership with Oscar J. Howard, establishing the furniture store of Woodbury & Howard, which soon grew to be the largest retail furniture establishment in Keene. This business has since been continued by the same partners; and at certain hours of the day Mr. Woodbury could almost invariably be found in the store, it being his custom to keep in touch personally with all the business which he carried on.

Not long after coming to Keene he built the two-story wooden mill on the corner of Armory and Spruce Streets, which was rented, first as a soap factory and afterward as a glue factory. He equipped this mill with steam-power several years ago, and converted it into a pail manufactory, since which time it has been kept continually in operation. His mills on Washington Street were also kept busy, although recently the water-power has grown poor, so that they could not be operated as much as formerly.

Mr. Woodbury's last purchase for manufacturing purposes was the Foster tannery property on Beaver Street. The buildings have been largely refitted, the steam-power put in order, a large circular saw-mill set up, and a modern dry house and pail machinery added, converting the old tannery into a useful manufactory. The real estate belonging to the property has been added to and improved, the old swamp in the rear drained and filled, and the owner was making preparations to open streets in the rear of the mill.

Mr. Woodbury employed in manufacturing from sixty to one hundred and twenty-five men usually, including his choppers and teamsters, his force being always largest in the fall and winter. He looked after every part of his business personally, kept no clerks and few books, and relied on his memory for details, which he always had so well in hand that no customer, debtor, or employee could often get the better of him. If a man gave out anywhere on the works, Mr. Woodbury would usually take his place until he came back or until another person was hired. His purchases of timber were extensive, including tracts worth as much as ten thousand dollars, for which he was as ready to pay cash as for smaller ones; and he has for years been one of the largest and most successful pail manufacturers in New England. He did not take kindly to trusts or combines, but usually put his goods on the market and sold them at a profit, regardless of competition. Mr. Woodbury's real estate in Keene includes a large number of houses and much valuable property.

While living in Richmond, Mr. Wood-

bury held numerous offices of trust, serving as Moderator frequently, as Town Clerk for a number of years, and as Representative for several terms. In politics he was a Democrat. He was chosen a member of the Common Council of the first city government of Keene. He was a director of the Keene National Bank and a trustee of the Keene Guaranty Savings Bank.

In January, 1896, Mr. Woodbury married for his second wife Mrs. Mary (Parks) Wilder, a friend of his youth, who survives him, together with one brother, Andrew C., of Winchendon, and four sisters, Mrs. Laurette W. Parks, Mrs. Clarinda A. Sargent, Mrs. Maria A. Wallace, of Winchendon, and Mrs. Lucinda B. Newman, of Keene.

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**D**AVID STEVENS,<sup>†</sup> one of the stirring farmers and best known residents of Bedford, Hillsboro County, N.H., son of Moody M. and Eunice (Chandler) Stevens, was born June 7, 1823, upon the farm where he now resides. His grandfather, David Stevens, first, whose birth took place May 23, 1755, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and fought in the battle of Bunker Hill. He was one of the first settlers in that part of Bedford in which the Stevens farm is located; and he resided here for the rest of his life, his death occurring December 23, 1819. His wife, Judith, whom he married December 15, 1778, was born March 5, 1759, and died September 15, 1826. She had nine children.

Moody M. Stevens, son of David, first, was born at the homestead in Bedford, June 4, 1781. He acquired a good education, and in his earlier mature years was engaged in teaching school. He eventually succeeded to the ownership of the homestead property, and became one of the prosperous farmers of his day. He was a Whig in politics until the formation of the Republican party, of which he became an earnest supporter. He served as a Selectman for a number of years, was Town Clerk one year, and he represented this town in the legislature. For many years he was a Deacon of

the Presbyterian church. Moody M. Stevens died June 16, 1870, having long survived his wife, Eunice Chandler, a native of Duxbury, Mass., who died in August, 1851. They had ten children, nine of whom grew to maturity; and David, the subject of this sketch, is the only one now living.

David Stevens was educated in the district schools of Bedford and at the academy in Franecstown. He has followed agricultural pursuits at the homestead since his youth, and under his management the farm of one hundred and fifty acres has been made to yield a good profit annually. A Republican in politics and a member of the Presbyterian church, he is regarded with the utmost esteem and confidence by his neighbors and fellow-towners. Mr. Stevens is unmarried. He is energetic, capable of much hard work, and his activity is still unabated.

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**J**OSEPH L. STARKEY, a thriving dairy farmer of Swanzey, was born in Richmond, N.H., October 17, 1854.

His father was Joseph Starkey, a native of Richmond. His grandfather, Henry Starkey, was also a native of that town. Henry Starkey settled in Swanzey about sixty years ago, and was engaged in the manufacture of shooks in connection with farming. He acquired the title of Colonel in the State militia, and was a man highly esteemed for his sterling traits of character. Politically, he acted with the Democratic party, and his religious belief was that of the Universalists. He reared a family of six children, as follows: John W., who was formerly in the hotel business in Massachusetts, and died in Keene, N.H.; Alvin, who died in Michigan; Henry, who also died in Michigan; William, who is engaged in the manufacture of woodenware in that State; Lucy, who resides with her brother William; and Joseph.

Joseph Starkey, father of Joseph L., was reared to manhood partly in Richmond and partly in Swanzey. Some time after his marriage he removed to the mining districts of Pennsylvania, where he died.

Joseph L. Starkey was left an orphan at the

age of ten years, the death of his mother having occurred five years previous to that of his father. He was reared and educated by his grandfather, and after the latter's death he inherited the farm jointly with his aunt. Subsequently purchasing her interest in the property, he has since carried it on successfully, being engaged both in general farming and dairying. It contains two hundred and twenty-five acres of excellent land, including tillage, pasture, and wood land; and he owns another farm in Richmond. Mr. Starkey is a prominent citizen of his town. He served as Selectman five years, during the last of which he was chairman of the Board; and he was Road Agent until declining to serve longer. In politics he is a Democrat. He has been called upon to appraise several estates, has been delegate to several party conventions, and exercises a potent influence in local affairs. He married Miss Addie Harris, daughter of Warren Harris, of Swanzey, and has two children—Gladys and Myrtle.

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**G**EORGE H. SNOW,\* recently Postmaster of Winchester and formerly a member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Athol, Mass., January 24, 1849, son of John H. and Louisa (Hamilton) Snow. His great-grandfather was an early settler in Winchester; and his grandfather, Samuel Snow, who was a native of this town, followed general farming during his active years. Samuel Snow was the father of seven children—Hannah, John H., George C., Erastus E., Emily, William, and Willard. George C. is a prosperous farmer of this town. Erastus E., who was formerly cashier of the Winchester Bank, went to Grinnell, Ia., where he engaged in banking, and is now retired. Emily married Warren Lazell. Willard died in Chicopee Falls, Mass. John H. Snow, father of George, was born in Winchester, and learned the cabinet-maker's trade in Athol, Mass. He was for some years associated with his brother Willard in carrying on business in Winchester, but eventually returned to Athol, where he resided for the rest of his life. His wife, Louisa, who was a

daughter of Jesse Hamilton, became the mother of two children: Everett, who resides in Athol; and George H., the subject of this sketch.

George H. Snow resided in Winchester from the time he was seven years old until his death, and was educated in the common schools. He began life as a clerk in the grocery store of F. Weeks, with whom he remained seventeen years; and in 1884 he engaged in business for himself. He conducted a clothing store in the Bowers Block for a year, and for the next eight years had charge of a store owned by Chase & Richardson, of Keene. He next engaged in business with S. H. Holton, with whom he was associated a year. Then selling out to his partner, he devoted his time to his official duties. Politically, he was a Democrat. He served as Town Clerk for thirteen years, receiving the support of both parties, was Selectman one year, served as Moderator, was janitor of the town hall for three years, and during his two terms in the legislature he was a member of the Committee on Ways and Means. He was at one time secretary of the Democratic Club, and he acted as delegate to many party conventions. While managing the Winchester store of Chase & Richardson, he was appointed Postmaster, and was reappointed in 1893. He was actively interested in the growth and prosperity of the town, and was a stockholder in the Winchester Creamery Association. He was a member of Philesian Lodge, No. 48, F. & A. M., and of the Improved Order of Red Men. Mr. Snow died suddenly and unexpectedly at Saratoga, N. Y., August 29, 1897.

He married Addie C. Raymond, daughter of Stephen Raymond, of Winchester; and Mrs. Snow is the mother of two children—George R. and Florence M.

**J**AMES WARREN, proprietor of the Maple Ridge Farm in New Boston, N.H., was born in this town, August 26, 1842, son of John B. and Lovina (Wilson) Warren. His great-grandfather, Josiah, was one of the early settlers of New Boston, and was a Revolutionary soldier. He, together with a Mr. Campbell and a Mr.

Caldwell, was taken prisoner by the Indians; but they were subsequently released. They returned home in time for the June election, which was called the Puritan election. The descendants of these three families have commemorated the above incident for many years by periodical reunions. Josiah Warren located in the eastern part of the town, where members of the family still hold land. He died at an advanced age. Captain Robert Warren, the grandfather, was a thrifty farmer of this town, and was Captain in the old State militia. His children, nine in number, were as follows: John B., born July 13, 1804; Elizabeth, born January 25, 1803; Zibiah, born March 27, 1805; Ephraim, born October 20, 1807; Daniel, born October 15, 1809; Mary G. C., born January 13, 1812; Mary G. C., second, born March 18, 1814; Robert E., born February 22, 1816; and Naomi, born February 21, 1818.

John B. Warren, father of the subject of this article, was born in New Boston, and was a farmer and lumberman. An enterprising and progressive man and a diligent worker, he was quite successful for his times, and was an influential citizen. He served as Selectman in his town. In religious matters he was an independent thinker, and in politics he was a Democrat. He died December 8, 1885. His wife, Lovina, was born January 1, 1808, and died July 16, 1882. Their children were: Ira, Almus, Matilda, James, George, and Annis. Ira, born August 2, 1837, died October 4, 1838. Almus, born February 25, 1830, is now a farmer of this town. Matilda, born October 7, 1840, died December 21 of that year. George was born July 30, 1847, and is a lumberman and farmer of New Boston. Annis, born March 31, 1850, is now deceased.

James Warren grew to manhood in his native town, and received a common-school education. He has followed general farming, and has also of late years made a specialty of taking summer boarders. His property consists of an excellent farm of two hundred and fifty acres, which he has greatly improved, and the buildings of which he has remodelled quite extensively. The farm is one of the finest in the town, and is very picturesquely situated.

He can accommodate from twenty-five to thirty guests. He is an active, successful man and a good manager. He is a member of Joe English Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church at New Boston, and in politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. Warren was married March 16, 1869, to Sarah A., who was born in Londonderry, N.H., November 25, 1839, daughter of Senter and Olivia (Flint) Farley. He has six children: Lilla F., born February 20, 1870; Addie J., born December 26, 1871; Cora W., born June 29, 1875; John B., born December 8, 1877; Fred M., born October 31, 1879; and Lizzie M., born January 8, 1882.

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**S**OLOMON D. ATWOOD,\* the leading merchant in New Boston, N.H., was born in Hillsboro, N.H., May 7, 1839, the son of the Rev. John and Lydia (Dodge) Atwood. His paternal grandfather was John Atwood, who married a Miss Blodgett, of Hudson. Their son, the Rev. John Atwood, was born in Hudson, N.H., October 3, 1797. He pursued his theological studies at Waterville College, which he entered in 1817. He was ordained as pastor of the Baptist church in New Boston in 1825, and closed his labors here in 1836. Later he held the office of Representative from the town of Hillsboro and vicinity for five years, and afterward he was State Treasurer for six years. While residing in Concord, he was chaplain of the State prison; and in 1850 he was nominated by the Democrats for Governor, but his name was recalled on account of his anti-slavery opinions. November 28, 1826, he married Lydia Dodge, daughter of Deacon Solomon Dodge, of New Boston. In his later years the Rev. John Atwood returned to New Boston, and carried on general farming until his death, which occurred April 28, 1873. He was the father of eight children, as follows: Lydia D., Sarah E., John B., Roger W., Ann J., Mary F., Solomon D. (the subject of this sketch), and John H. Of these children John H. and John B. died in infancy. Sarah E. married

John L. Blair, and resides in Alton, Ill. Ann J. married the Rev. J. L. A. Fish, and died March 15, 1874, at Duluth, leaving two children—J. Leroy and Alice B. Roger W. married Emily Larcom, and they also live in Alton, Ill. Lydia D. is at present residing in New Boston, and Mary F. is deceased.

Solomon D. Atwood, the subject of this sketch, was the youngest of his father's family, and has lived in New Boston since the age of eleven years. He received his education in the district schools of the town, at New London, and at Colby University. At the age of twenty-one he engaged in mercantile business in New Boston in company with Joseph K. Whipple, now of Chelsea, Mass., this firm continuing for a term of eight years. Afterward for about four years the style was Atwood & Kelso. The buildings were then destroyed by fire, and Mr. Atwood for a while carried on the business under the firm name of Atwood & Co. Again in 1887 he suffered severely by fire, this time losing his entire stock. Directly after he went to Auburn, Me., and established himself in trade. A few years later he returned to New Boston, where he has since been successfully engaged in business. Mr. Atwood owes his present position entirely to the good offices of Mr. J. Reed Whipple, of Boston, Mass., who assisted him in the hour of adversity, thereby proving himself to be a true friend. Mr. Atwood has been Postmaster in the town for many years, his first appointment to this office having been under Abraham Lincoln.

He has been a member of the Republican State Committee, but is not one who has taken any active part in political life as an office-holder. In 1864 he married Florence A. Dodge, of Francestown, born in 1843, a daughter of Isaac Dodge. Mr. and Mrs. Atwood are both members of the Baptist church, in which he has been very active, having been superintendent of the Sabbath-school for a number of years. They have had ten children, as follows: John, Lillie, Myrtie M., Emily M., Roger D., Annie A., Florence F., Solomon R., Howard D., and Ruby M. Of these Myrtie M. married a Mr. Eastman; Emily married a Mr. Skinner, and is now deceased, as

are also John, Lillie, and Roger. Mr. Atwood is now the pioneer tradesman of the town, and is to-day carrying on its leading business.

RON. LEMUEL FRANK LISCOM,<sup>\*</sup> of Hinsdale, N.H., State Senator from the Fourteenth District, is a native of this place. He was born February 17, 1841, son of Lemuel Liscom, second, and Emmerancy (Horton) Liscom. The family is of English origin, and the name was originally spelled Liscomb.

Mr. Liscom's grandfather, Lemuel, first, born in old Dorchester, Mass., came with five children to Hinsdale, among the early inhabitants. He was a farmer, and dealt extensively, for those times, in horses. His wife was Submit Barret, to whom he was married September 26, 1796; and their children were as follows: Polly, born January 4, 1798; Lemuel, born October 9, 1799; Gratia, born July 20, 1801; Philip, born June 29, 1803; John, born January 6, 1806; Levi, born June 6, 1808; Sophronia, born August 24, 1810; Charles, born September 24, 1813; and Samuel, who was born February 19, 1816, and died in November, 1835. Polly married Henry Reed, of Brattleboro, Vt.; Gratia became Mrs. Arms; and Sophronia married a Crosby. Grandfather Liscom died July 7, 1836, at the age of sixty-seven; and his wife died October 25, 1839, aged sixty-four.

Lemuel Liscom, second, above named, was born in Vernon, Vt. He remained with his parents until reaching his majority, when he went to Boston and engaged with Lyman & Ralston, the first firm in that city to deal in coal. Later Mr. Liscom started an independent coal business, being the second in that line in Boston. He had coal brought down the mountains in Pennsylvania from the Lehigh mines. People were slow at first to believe in the power of coal, supposing it to be nothing but a stone; and Mr. Liscom had a process served on him. He, however, convinced them of its heat-producing power, and, continuing in the business for about eight years, accumulated a small fortune. On account of the poor health of his wife he re-

moved to Hinsdale and carried on farming until his death, which occurred July 5, 1886. He took a strong and active part in the public affairs of the town, was Selectman during several terms, and held various other public offices. He was a Whig in politics and later a Republican. He was a devoted member of the Baptist church, as was also his wife, Emmerancy, who was a daughter of Hezekiah Horton. She was of Scotch and English descent and kin to Lord Burnham, at one time a member of Parliament. Mrs. Liscom was born on October 19, 1807. Her children were as follows: Sarah Jane, born March 12, 1834; Charles Horton, born January 2, 1836, died February 24, 1863, in Arlena, Ark., of wounds received at the battle of Vicksburg; Samuel Elliot, born May 24, 1837; Julia Elizabeth, born September 28, 1838; Lemuel Frank, born February 17, 1841; Emmerancy, born May 28, 1842; Lucy Rebecca and Lueius Gray, twins, born August 28, 1843; Henry Cabot, born May 4, 1846; and Emma Isabella, born May 18, 1850. Charles H. Liscom was a coal and real estate dealer at Clinton, Ia., and went out in the Twenty-sixth Iowa Regiment. Samuel E. was three years in the war. He enlisted from Hinsdale, in Company H of the New Hampshire Volunteers, was in active service in a number of battles, and at Opikam Creek was seriously wounded in the head and in the leg. Lueius removed to Port Hudson, Mich., and is now in the employ of the Grand Trunk Railroad. Henry is a lumber dealer, and resides in Brattleboro, Vt.

Lemuel F. Liscom, familiarly known as L. Frank, completed his educational course at Kimball Union Academy in 1860. He then assisted his father on the farm, and on August 11, 1862, enlisted in the Union army. He was much of the time on duty at the national capital, and was also at Harper's Ferry, in the Red River expedition at Petersburg, and with General Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley. He was one of the soldiers present at the capture of Jefferson Davis, there having been sent a body of infantry from the East and of cavalry from the West to make the pursuit and capture. Mr. Liscom was discharged at

Savannah, Ga., July 8, 1865, retiring from the service with the rank of Orderly Sergeant. Returning North, he went to Boston, where he secured employment in the shops of the National Bridge Company, for which business he had been partially fitted by the course in engineering taken at the academy. He worked in the engineering department and in the office of the company, and secured a thorough mastery of the details of the business. He was employed by the Keystone Bridge Company, by the Edgmore Bridge Company, and by others. He became superintendent of construction, and in that position had charge of the building of the train-houses of the Boston & Albany road, of the Boston & Providence, and of the Boston & Lowell. He put the first iron on the Vermont Central road at Dog River, and had charge of the making of many railroad bridges. Mr. Liscom was receiving a salary of two thousand five hundred dollars, and had fine prospects of advancement; but his father was reaching the age when working days were over, and, as some one was needed to look after the home interests, he resigned his position in Boston in 1880, at the dictates of filial duty, and returned to Hinsdale, where he has since been engaged in farming and in lumbering. Before this he had bought up tracts of timber lands, and had already quite extensive lumber interests. He finally bought out his father's property and started a saw-mill. He now makes a specialty of raising hay and tobacco, raising eleven tons of the last-named staple in 1895.

In the term of 1891-92 and again in 1893-94 Mr. Liscom served as a Representative in the State legislature, and in 1897 took his seat in the Senate, having been elected on the largest majority vote ever cast in the district, a vote far exceeding that cast for governor. His opponent was Daniel W. Patten, of Westmoreland. While in the legislature Mr. Liscom formed the first "Farmers' Council" ever held in this State, a society whose object is to give weight to the influence of the farmer through systematic organization. He was one of the first to advocate moving the Agricultural College to Durham, in order to gain the fund of Benjamin Thompson, and has been a

warm friend to the college in the matter of securing appropriations and other advantages. During his first term in the house he was clerk of the Committee on Roads, Bridges, and Canals, and in the second term Chairman of the Public Improvements Committee. As a Senator he is chairman of the Committee on Claims. While in the legislature Mr. Liscom introduced a bill providing for an electric road from Hinsdale to Brattleboro, Vt., and used every effort to secure its passage. It was defeated, however, through the influence of the railroad; but, on its being a second time introduced, both parties agreed to refer its decision to the Supreme Court. In the Senate Mr. Liscom has introduced a bill to give the Connecticut River Water Power Company franchise to build a water system between Brattleboro and Hinsdale. He is earnest in advocating this measure, and intends to make a hard fight for it. He is known as a strictly temperate man himself, and works faithfully to secure the legislation desired by his constituents.

Senator Liscom married Dolly Amelia, daughter of Orrin T. Mason, of New York, a woman of most lovable and noble character, now deceased. She had great artistic ability, and continued her art studies and painting during her married life. She left two children: Flora Dolly, born in Truthville, N.Y., January 22, 1875; and Mary Edith, born in Hinsdale, October 31, 1878.

Senator Liscom is a member of the Masonic Commandery in Keene, N.H.; of Sheridan Post, No. 14, G. A. R.; of the Order of Red Men; and of the grange.

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**J**AMES S. ELLINWOOD,\* a representative of an old Deering family and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, December 30, 1820, son of John and Ruth (Baker) Ellinwood. His grandfather, Rolandson Ellinwood, was probably a native of Amherst, N.H., as he was reared in that town and followed agricultural pursuits there for some years. He finally moved to Deering, and cleared a part of the farm which is now occu-

pied by his grandson. He lived to be eighty years old; and his wife, whose maiden name was Hildreth, also lived to a good old age. He was a member of the Congregational church. His family consisted of three children, of whom John was the second in order of birth, and none are living to-day.

John Ellinwood, father of James S., was born in Amherst, and came to Deering when he was nineteen years old. He learned the trade of brick and stone mason, which he followed for some time in Boston; but the latter part of his life was spent at the homestead. He was possessed of much natural energy, and was very successful considering his opportunities. In politics he was a Democrat. John Ellinwood lived to be eighty-two years old. His wife, Ruth Baker, was a native of Newbury, N.H., daughter of a Revolutionary soldier. She became the mother of seven children, two of whom are living, namely: James S., the subject of this sketch; and Ruth Sophia, who is the widow of Luther Cheney, late of Deering, and who has three children—Sophia, Leona, and Morris. Mrs. Ruth B. Ellinwood died at the age of seventy-two years. She was a member of the Baptist church.

James S. Ellinwood was educated in Deering, and when a young man learned the mason's trade with his father. He followed it more or less up to within a few years, when he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits; and he is now tilling the soil at the homestead.

On November 25, 1851, Mr. Ellinwood was joined in marriage with Rachel G. Turner, daughter of Caleb Turner, of Antrim, N.H. Nine children have been born to them, and six are living; namely, Frank P., Mary S., Clara E., Lizzie S., Clark S., and Scott L. Frank P. wedded Maria Bartlett, of Deering, and has five children—Willis, Charles, Mand, Ethel, and Nellie. Clara E. is the wife of Myron E. Johnson, of Hancock, N.H., and their children are: Bertie and Lester.

Politically, Mr. Ellinwood is a Democrat. He has served as a Selectman for nine years, was Superintendent of Schools two years, and he ably represented Deering in the State legislature for the years 1862 and 1863. He takes

much interest in the general welfare of the community, and is much esteemed by his neighbors and fellow townsmen.

**D**ANIEL G. SMITH, an enterprising farmer of New Boston, was born on his present farm, July 13, 1836, son of Thomas and Annie L. (Gove) Smith. The Smiths are one of the oldest families here. John Smith, the paternal great-grandfather of Daniel G., settled in the north-west part of the town in the year 1734. Having much business ability, he was a progressive farmer, and became one of the wealthy men of New Boston. He built one of the first sawmills erected in the town.

Thomas Smith, the grandfather, married a lady of Beverly, Mass., who, born May 1, 1774, died October 8, 1851. Their children were: Susanna, Ann, John, Esther, Thomas, William, Moses B., Rachel, Clarinda, Ivers, George W., Ethan, and Sarah. The father's death occurred May 1, 1854. Thomas Smith, the father of Daniel G., born in New Boston, April 8, 1801, chose the occupation of a farmer, and succeeded his father in the ownership of a portion of the old homestead. Also inheriting much business capacity, he was enterprising and successful. In religion he was liberal. In politics he was faithful to the Democratic principles held by his father. His wife, Annie, who was born in Weare, February 6, 1805, had two children, namely: Ann F., born May 26, 1836, who married Nathan Randall, and died at the age of twenty-seven years; and Daniel G., the subject of this sketch. Thomas Smith died in New Boston in 1879, and his wife in 1874.

Daniel G. Smith has always lived on the farm which is now his home. The knowledge obtained by him in the district school was supplemented by that received in a few terms spent in Derry, N.H. Since he succeeded to the farm, he has carried on general farming successfully. Having added to the land owned by his father, he now has about three hundred and sixty acres, the largest farm in this vicinity. The residence, barns, and out-buildings are well kept; and everything about the place

indicates good management. In politics Mr. Smith is a Republican; and, besides serving the community in some minor offices, he represented New Boston in the legislature of 1889.

On December 26, 1865, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Marietta Woodbury, daughter of Benjamin S. and Sarah (Jones) Woodbury. Her grandfathers, William Woodbury and Joshua Jones, were both in the Revolutionary War. The former was a shoemaker by trade, and also followed farming. He died in New Boston at a good age. Benjamin S. Woodbury was born in Beverly, Mass., whence he came here with his father. He followed general farming as an occupation, served the town in the capacities of Selectman and Tax Collector, and owned the place on which A. C. Wilson resides. In religion he was liberal, in politics a Democrat. He died December 26, 1846; and his wife's death occurred in November, 1884. They had eleven children, of whom Benjamin F., Lucetta, and Eliza J. are deceased. Lucetta married Bixby Simons, and Eliza J. married Montiville Brown. The others are: Mrs. Sabrina Philbrick, William, Joshua A., Harriett R., Frances A., Marietta, Jones Woodbury, and Levi P. Woodbury. Harriett married Thomas Holmes, and Frances A. is the wife of Esquire Eastman. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of four children, two of whom are living. Byron, their only son, born September 23, 1870, is clerking in a furniture store in Manchester. Evelyn M., their surviving daughter, born November 14, 1872, lives at home. Annie died when a year and a half old, and Elsie at twenty-five. The latter was the wife of Henry Eastman. Mr. Smith and his wife hold liberal views regarding religion. They enjoy the respect and confidence of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

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**D**AVID ROYCE,\* a well-known citizen of East Alstead, N.H., by trade a blacksmith and shoemaker, was born in this town, February 3, 1828, his parents being Samuel and Mary (Buss) Royce. His grandfather, Samuel Royce, Sr., was a farmer and lived in Marlow. He had

a large family of children, of whom Samuel, Jr., father of Mr. David Royce, was one of the oldest. Samuel Royce, Jr., was a farmer of Alstead, coming to this town when very young. His wife, Mary, was born in Marlow in 1805, and died in 1891. Their five children were: Calista, Elisha, David, Eliza, and Anne. Elisha Royce died at the age of twenty-one. Eliza married a Mr. Elliot, a farmer of Walpole. Anne married Charles Elliot, of Marlow, and had a large family of children.

Mr. David Royce learned the trade of carriage-maker and blacksmith, and also did some shoemaking and carried on a farm, living nearly all his life in Alstead, where he was highly esteemed as a citizen and beloved by a large number of warm personal friends. Mr. Royce married Clarissa Kidder, and she bore him five children — Herbert, Miland, Ella, Addie, and Edward E. Herbert Royce lives at Walpole, and is engaged in carpentering and in farming. He married Ella Cook, and has three children — Lottie, Nella, and John. Miland is a carpenter and farmer of Walpole. His wife was before her marriage Nellie Fuller. Ella Royce married Charles Towle, of Walpole, a farmer and a carpenter. They have three children — Harry, Fred, and Elsie. Addie died at the age of thirty-two years. She never married. Edward E., born in August, 1870, has always lived on the home farm with his father. He is unmarried.

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**J**OHN LOVEJOY,\* a venerable and highly esteemed citizen of Milford, Hillsboro County, N.H., residing at the corner of Union and Orange Streets, retired for some years past from active business, was born February 24, 1815, in Hebron, N.H. His parents were Stephen and Sallie (Flint) Lovejoy.

Samuel Lovejoy, father of Stephen, was a native of Massachusetts and a Revolutionary soldier. Stephen Lovejoy was born in Pepperell, Mass. He was a blacksmith, and worked at his trade for many years, making his home in Hebron. Late in life he came to Milford, and he here passed his declining

years. Sallie Flint Lovejoy, his wife, was a native of Lyme, N.H.

John Lovejoy remained in Hebron with his parents up to fourteen years of age, when he came to Milford to live with his uncle, William Lovejoy, of whose family he was a member until his uncle's death, which occurred in the seventies. The uncle was a builder of turnpike roads, and also followed farming. John Lovejoy received a district schooling at Hebron and in Milford, making good use of such opportunities as were offered for obtaining an education. The active years of his life were mostly spent in farming, in connection with which he at one time engaged in lumbering.

When about twenty-six years of age, on January 19, 1841, Mr. Lovejoy married Miss Elizabeth Lovejoy, daughter of William and Sallie (Fessenden) Lovejoy, of Milford. Her father was born in Pepperell, Mass.; but when two years old he came to Milford with his parents, who were early settlers here. Her mother was a native of Lexington, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Lovejoy have two sons, namely: John A., a veteran of the Civil War, now living in Claremont, N.H.; and Fred W., a successful physician at Pepperell, Mass.

Mr. Lovejoy is a stanch adherent of the Republican party. He and his wife are earnest Christians and members of the Congregational church.

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**R**IICHARD FRETTS, late a highly esteemed citizen of Hillsboro County, died at his home in Merrimac June 30, 1890. He was born in this town, May 29, 1827, son of Henry and Joanna (Barnes) Fretts. His father was a native of Andover, Mass., and his mother was born in Merrimac. Henry Fretts came to Merrimac when a young man, and settled upon a farm. He was a shoemaker, and continued to follow his trade in connection with farming, his life being one of industry and prosperity. In his religious views he was a Congregationalist. He died at the age of sixty-five years. His wife, whose maiden name was Joanna Barnes, lived to the advanced age of ninety-six years. She

was the mother of six children, of whom the only survivor is Mrs. Emeline Leverett, of New Bedford, Mass. The others were: Harriet M.; Lorena; George; Richard, the subject of this sketch; and Catharine.

Richard Fretts acquired a district-school education, and from his youth was engaged in tilling the soil. He owned a good farm of eighty-eight acres, which he carried on with unusual energy and ability, being naturally vigorous and active. He possessed to a high degree those sterling qualities which are the essential elements of good citizenship, was deeply interested in all measures calculated to improve the general welfare of the community, and he was regarded as an honest, upright man. Politically, he acted with the Republican party. In religious matters he took particular interest, and was a Deacon of the Congregational church for many years, or until his death.

On March 8, 1862, Mr. Fretts was joined in marriage with Lucy A. Green. She was born in Litchfield, N.H., March 7, 1835, daughter of Hartwell W. and Sarah Green. Her father was born in Carlisle, Mass., May 5, 1809; and her mother was born in Jaffrey, N.H., September 22, 1804. Hartwell W. Green, in early life a boatman, settled in Merrimac in 1838, and here spent the rest of his active period as a farmer, his death occurring July 30, 1889. His wife died January 15, 1879. Both were members of the Congregational church. They were the parents of six children, and two of the family are living, namely: Lucy A., who is now Mrs. Fretts; and Harrison F. Green, of Merrimac. The others were: Mary R., George H. and Albert (twins), and Charles N. Mr. Fretts was the father of three children, namely: Emma J., born February 14, 1865, who married June 22, 1897, Charles A. Kilborn, of Webster, N.H.; Henry A., born September 10, 1866; and Laura E., born September 5, 1871. The mother, Mrs. Fretts, has continued to reside at the homestead since the death of her husband, and has displayed remarkable energy and good judgment in the management of the farm. She is a member of the Congregational church.



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